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Staff facing wage cuts of up to 25pc

More than 1,200 workers at Dudley Council have been told they face salary cuts as part of an equal pay shake-up.

In a shock announcement, council leader Les Jones revealed 14 per cent of the authority's 9,000 staff will be offered a reduced salary – and some could lose more than a quarter of their annual pay cheque.

One-to-one discussions with 350 employees who are facing a cut of 15 per cent or more have already begun.

The offer has been formally submitted to trade unions, who have six weeks to decide whether they are acceptable.

Under the offer, around 47 per cent of staff would maintain the same basic pay and 38 per cent will see an increase.

"Discussions have been ongoing with staff and trade unions for some months now and we have got to have a point where we say this is the offer we are going to make," said Councillor Jones.

"We have to make sure these people who are going to be affected are told as soon as possible. It is unfortunate that some people will be negatively affected but we have no choice."

If the proposals are agreed the new arrangements will come into effect in April 2012.

The changes are for the single status agreement which aims to introduce a fairer pay scale for people performing different jobs at a similar level.

Job evaluations have been taking place over previous months to determine whether, for example, a parking warden should be paid the same wage as a receptionist, and so on.

600 attacks on paramedics

Almost 600 physical or verbal attacks have been recorded on paramedics doing their job in the West Midlands over the last year, new figures reveal.

Staff have been punched, kicked, scratched and even spat at while on duty.

Bosses at West Midlands Ambulance Service said paramedics face a "growing trend of violent and aggressive behaviour towards NHS workers" and that more than one worker is attacked every day.

The new figures show 420 reports of verbal attacks have been reported on paramedics while 174 physical attacks have also been recorded between April last year and March this year.

In West Bromwich in March a paramedic was spat at in the face at a patient's home, while another had an unknown substance sprayed on their face in a street in Aldridge in February.

In November last year a paramedic was left with a cracked tooth after being attacked at a patient's home in Wolverhampton. Many of the attacks have been put down to patients being drunk or having taken drugs.

Steve Elliker, the trust's regional head of security and safety, said: "It is unacceptable that ambulance staff, who are responding to help people who have serious medical conditions or injuries, should have to face violence and verbal abuse."

Triple delight of meerkats

Three baby meerkats are entertaining visitors after being born at West Midland Safari Park. Alec, Sydney and Henrik surprised keepers when they emerged for the first time from their nest box at the site in Bewdley.

Businesses, homes and churches are targeted

400 METAL THEFTS IN CRIMEWAVE

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Metal thieves have struck almost 400 times across the Dudley borough in just three months – making it the biggest crime problem in the region, police say.

Businesses, homes and churches have all been targeted by raiders looking to cash in on the rising price of scrap metal.

West Midlands Police have investigated around 392 metal thefts in the borough between March 30 and June 21 this year, making it one of the biggest crime waves they are battling.

Detectives say they are cracking down on the thieves and carrying out spot checks at scrapyards across the Black Country.

Businesses are also boosting security to try and deter crooks.

Among those who fell victim to the crime during that time was Lye engineering firm Alexander Higgins and Sons, which was raided last month.

Machinery

The company has installed an alarm system and is also looking into getting CCTV after part of a rare engine, machinery and tools worth thousands of pounds were stolen.

Director Malcolm Higgins said: "Every day I read about another metal theft."

"It never used to be such a problem but I think the thieves have become more determined. We've had no choice but to increase security."

Acting Det Ch Insp Wayne Jones said: "We continue to proactively target offenders for metal theft, in all its various forms, as well as continuing to tackle those handling and disposing of stolen metals."

"Operation Steel was relaunched earlier this year to address the very issue of high-value metal thefts, whether it be lead flashing from someone's home, manhole covers, metal parts from vehicles, or bulk metals from industry."

"Such crimes are never victimless as there is always someone who has to pay to replace the stolen items, and often there is significant inconvenience caused."

Other premises which have been targeted in the past three months include Hope Strict Baptist Chapel in Sedgley where copper piping was stolen along with silver communion chalices and a memorial plaque during a late-night break in.

Performers go back in time

A dance and drama performance in Dudley is bringing the history of the Black Country women chain-makers to life.

Making Links will take place on Saturday at the Mushroom Green Chain Shop, which dates from the 1850s, in Quarry Road, near Netherton.

It has been written by Rachel Sharpe and choreographed by Laura Simmons, both of Dudley Performing Arts.

In the play, time-travellers from the present day go back to 1910 to meet chainmakers Susan Everall and Julia Varley to find out more about the history of the local industry.

Dancers, aged 18 to 27, all from Dudley, take part along with 17 performers from Buzz Youth Theatre, which is based at Netherton Arts Centre.

Performances are at 4.30pm, 7pm, 8.30pm, 9.45pm and 11pm. For free tickets, send an email to victoria.riley@duley.gov.uk.



Sophie Adams, at the front, with centre, left to right, Lindsey Pound, Jennifer Cox, and Hayley Mann, top left to right, Lucinda Powell and Nathan Dunn from Dudley Performing Arts

1,000 jobs scheme is left in limbo

A £20 million development which could have created up to 1,000 jobs in Brierley Hill has been shelved indefinitely while council bosses struggle to find funds for the scheme.

Millions of pounds of extra money is needed to make the Daniels Wharf site suitable to build offices and around 140 homes. However, the collapse of Advantage West Midlands – which was lined up to fund the work – has left the project in limbo.

Regeneration chief, Councillor Angus Adams said the council would be forced to search for alternative funding before the scheme could get under way.

"There has been no progress to this point. We are still looking to carry out the project but we will have to start searching for alternative funding," he said.

Investment

"This could be the European Regional Development Fund, or possibly even private investment."

The development is still included in the Brierley Hill Area Action Plan, which is due to be approved at a council meeting.

It is the latest delay to hit the scheme, which was originally due to be completed by the end of 2007. It finally stalled last year when developers working to prepare the ground for building discovered the site was in a much worse condition than expected.

The Daniels Wharf project is set to transform the former transport yard overlooking the Merry Hill centre. It hit a stumbling block with the recession and investors were slow to come forward.

Work had started to prepare the land, but problems with the ground meant it would be difficult and more expensive to redevelop the site. The development includes a 60,000 sq ft five-storey office block with a second building offering 52,000 sq ft of space.

13 weeks of road misery

More than three months of roadworks are on the way to Dudley, signalling more misery for motorists from next week, transport chiefs announced.

Nine roads will face closures when they are dug up as water mains are replaced. The project, near Jessons CofE Primary School in School Street, will start on July 28 when four roads will shut.

But drivers will face more closures when the new school terms begins in September, when a further five roads will be shut for almost two months.

Parents are warned to steer clear of the area and park in alternative spots when the school term begins. The joint project by Dudley Council and South Staffordshire Water is part of a wider 18-month scheme affecting 64 streets across Dudley.

Traders and residents have already raised concerns about the ongoing disruption. The latest works will close School Street, Grange Road, Grange Street and Nelson Road from July 28 until September 5 in an attempt to minimise disruption.

Between September 5 to October 31, Russell Street, Edward Street, Alexandra Street, Vicarage Prospect and Parkway Road will be shut.

People will be allowed to leave their cars at the Dudley Leisure Centre car park, in Dock Lane, for the duration of the works. Parents and children are advised to use the pedestrian crossing on Wellington Road and walk to the school via Russell Street and Nelson Road. Transport chief Councillor Patrick Harley, said: "We are working closely to ensure a co-ordinated approach to road closures, with the overall aim of condensing the period of disruption."

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Bike park plans are rejected

A controversial electric bike park that sparked more than 1,000 objections will not go ahead after being rejected by the Planning Inspectorate, it was announced today.

A government inspector has thrown out proposals for the track near Kinver Edge, which would have been the first of its kind in the country, following a three-year battle by residents.

The Brierley Hill-based Bathams Brewery wanted permission to run electric bikes on the land it owns, known as The Sheepwalks.

The bikes would have been hired out to people doing laps of the track and could have been in use four to five days per week, eight hours a day.

But more than 1,000 people objected saying it would cause increased traffic, noise pollution and be a blot on the landscape at Compton Wood Farm in Beacon Lane. The plans were originally refused by South Staffordshire District Council but Bathams appealed against that to the inspectorate based in Bristol.

Now inspector Julia Gregory has dismissed the appeal, saying the track should not be built in a green space. Protesters distributed more than 3,500 leaflets and set up a website.

One of the leading campaigners against the plans, Chris Knott, who lives near the site of the development, said: "We are very pleased with what the decision has gone. We hoped common sense would prevail."

Brewery owner Tim Batham was unavailable for comment.

UK cancer rates on the increase

Rising cancer rates mean that more than four in 10 Britons will be diagnosed with the disease at some point in their lives, according to a study by a leading health charity.

New figures obtained by Macmillan Cancer Support show that 42 per cent of Britons who die have had cancer – compared to around 35 per cent a decade ago. The study, which analysed data from 2008, also revealed that 64 per cent of cancer sufferers will eventually die from the disease.

Ciaran Devane, chief executive of Macmillan Cancer Support, said: "It is really alarming that the number of people who will get cancer is now well past one in three, and that there are so many more people with cancer today than even 10 years ago."

According to Macmillan, the number of people living with cancer has risen from 1.5 million in 1998 to two million in 2008 – an increase of 35 per cent. This is expected to double within the next two decades.

Special garden open

A plant collector's garden near Stourbridge featuring a Koi pond and a woodland walk will be open to the public next week as part of the National Garden Scheme.

The garden at Westacres in Wolverhampton Road, Prestwood, will be open from 11am until 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Refreshments will be available.

Fire site is cleared

A Black Country off-licence left a burned-out shell is being torn down nearly three months after a severe fire gutted the building.

But the future of Bargain Booze, Dibble Road, Dudley, remains unclear with the franchise chain still waiting to hear the owners' future plans for the store.

Workers were on site this week to remove the debris and start to clear

away the heavily damaged building. Sections of the building left standing following the severe blaze on April 7 have been taken down. Only the raised area which the building stood on is now in place.

The blaze tore through the building after a stolen van was set alight outside and which spread to the roof of the store. An investigation was launched by police.

Chainmakers' event heads for new home

The annual Women Chainmakers' Festival at the Black Country Living Museum is being moved to Sandwell. The event has been held at the Black Country Living Museum since 2005.

However, this year it will be held at Bearmore Mound in Cradley Heath. It is understood organisers the Trades Union Congress were forced to find another venue for the event which marks the 1910 chainmaker's strike, after bosses at the museum expressed concerns it had become too political.

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Blaze-hit store may not reopen

The future of a fire-hit computer game shop in Dudley was uncertain today after bosses admitted they did not know if it would reopen.

Flames tore through the Gamestation store, just outside the Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley, completely gutting the building.

Around seven people are believed to have worked there and are in the dark over whether they will return to the branch. West Midlands Fire Service is still investigating the cause of the fire which forced nearby stores to be evacuated and roads to be closed.

The service said the investigation was taking "a little longer than usual" because the building was so heavily damaged by the blaze.

Fire service spokesman Lindsey Preece said: "Officers have to look at all aspects of the building, looking into every corner if you like, so they can determine what the cause was."

"This was a severe fire and the damage to the building means there is a lot more to sort through."

She said the inspection was due to finish later this week. Structural inspectors had to visit the shop before the investigation started to ensure it was safe for fire officers to carry out their work.

Gamestation spokesman Ciaran McCale said: "We are continuing to work closely with the fire service on the investigation."

"At the moment there are no other updates on what is happening at the store." The neighbouring Teddy Grays sweet shop is still closed.

A spokesman for Teddy Grays said: "This situation has been a concern. We are hoping to be able to move back in and clean-up the store in the coming days."

More than 13 fire crews tackled the blaze at its height as flames shot through the building of the store. High-powered water jets were used to stop the fire spreading to neighbouring shops and were able to contain the fire solely to the Gamestation store.

Joy at zoo's new arrival

A baby capybara, which is the largest of the rodent family, has been born at Dudley Zoo.

Within hours of its birth the animal, which has not yet been named, was running round the enclosure with its parents.

Keeper Laura Robbins said the baby made its first appearance last week.

She said: "It was early in the

morning and I was the first member of staff in the paddock, and I had such a surprise when I saw something dart behind the wooden huts and realised the baby had arrived."

It will be named when staff can determine its sex.

Capybaras are semi-aquatic and originate in South America. They are part of the zoo's international breeding programme.

Killer is handed euro fine

The doctor who killed the father of a Cradley Heath GP with an overdose of diamorphine has been fined 7,000 euros for violating the doctor's code of conduct.

Dr Stuart Gray's father David died when Daniel Ubani, a doctor from Germany on his first shift as a locum in the UK, gave him the overdose.

As a result Ubani was struck off in the UK. However, he is still able to work in Germany, where he was fined the equivalent of £6,168.

Dr Gray, of Church View Surgery and brother Rory, an engineer at the European Space Agency in Germany have been battling to have the doctor banned from working elsewhere, after he was struck off by the UK's General Medical Council.

A British coroner recorded a verdict of unlawful killing on 70-year-old David Gray, of Cambridgeshire in 2008 and accused Ubani of gross negligence.

Dr Gray, of Kidderminster, said: "The Doctors Chambers, the German equivalent of the GMC has fined Ubani for what happened with my father and other patients, but has no power to stop him from practising."

"It has told us it wants him struck off, but that decision is down to the local council, which refuses to do so."

The family is writing to the German government and pressing for language tests for doctors.

Magical plans for Merlins bar

Work to revamp a former cafe and wine bar in Dudley is expected to get under way by the end of the year. Merlins in Wolverhampton Street will be revamped in the second phase of a £4.3million regeneration project.

Plans for the scheme were approved earlier this year and now a building control application – to make further alterations – has been lodged.

The premises are currently being marketed to let by Lex Allan Estate Agents in Stourbridge.

Architectural details on the building will be restored and the inside of the building will be left as a shell to accommodate a range of possible uses.

Last month it was revealed the third phase of the project – which would have seen the former Carvers Cafe in Priory Street given a makeover with a new outdoor seating area in Stone Street Square – has been put on hold due to a lack of funding.

Your chance to raise concerns

People living or working in the Kingswinford North area of Dudley who wish to raise any problems or concerns with police can attend the next Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting on August 3.

Police and community support officers will be at the community centre in Kingswinford High Street from 6.30pm to 7.30pm to discuss any issues affecting local people.

Club's boost for little boy



Members of the generous Netherton Colts, back from left, Janine Chapman, Jamie Bennett, Luke Bastable and Elliot Taylor, front, Callum Chesworth, Tyler Finch, aged two, Darren Finch and Kian Finch, 10 months.

A kind-hearted football club has raised nearly £1,600 for a 10-month-old boy who has undergone six operations.

Players and managers at Netherton Colts FC have raised the cash from raffles at presentation nights and other events for Kian Finch, of Netherton, who it is thought has cerebral palsy. His condition cannot be fully diagnosed until he is older.

Events at the club have been organised by treasurer Carl Bottley and secretary Neil Roberts. And players from four to six-year-olds to the under-15s have all donated.

Mr Bottley said: "We are delighted to have been able to raise this cash for Kian. We wanted to do something to help."

He said the money could go towards any modifications his family might need to make to their home in the future.

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Double lines will go to aid shoppers

Double yellow lines will be removed to make way for 55 free parking spaces in a bid to boost Dudley's ailing town centre.

Transport chiefs are also looking at increasing one hour free on-street parking to two hours in a bid to encourage more people to shop in the town centre.

Work to lift yellow lines along eight streets will begin when schools break for the holidays. It follows complaints from traders that there is not enough free parking.

Dudley transport boss Councillor Patrick Harley said: "We want to make it easier for people to pop in to pick up a few bits and bobs, and encourage them to do so."

"At the moment it is an absolute nightmare to find any free parking, and that discourages people who might just want to purchase a few items."

"You can do a lot of shopping in two hours, and at a time when town centres are struggling you don't want to force people away from the shops by giving them a short amount of time to do it in."

Parallel parking spaces in the eight streets will be scrapped in favour of diagonal parking spaces, creating more room.

Stone Street will get additional spaces by being made one-way between High Street and Tower Street.

The news comes after it emerged Spencers Instore Market, which has been running in the High Street for more than two decades, was to close as traders admitted takings have fallen over recent years.

Park to stage a barbecue

A family fun day and a community barbecue is being staged in Grange Park, Dudley, on July 30 between midday and 4pm.

Attractions at the event, hosted by Dudley's Church of God of Prophecy, include a puppet show, sports, tug of war, aerobics, face painting and a bouncy castle. Food and drinks are free.

Organiser Barry Hutchinson said: "This is the fourth year we will be holding our barbecue in the park and it is always great to see the community together."

Car parking is the key to giving shops a boost

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The retired gentleman at the pay and display machine admits defeat. "Go on, it won't take my money", he says, as he beckons others to try and buy a pay and display ticket.

It is the car park at Inhedge in Dudley town centre. The machine requires motorists to input their registration number, a tactic designed to stop a kindly shopper who has bought more time than they needed from giving it to someone else.

Toy shop owner Alan Caswell says parking is the biggest challenge that traditional High Street retailers face.

The 57-year-old from Pattingham started as a Saturday worker at The Arcade Toy Shop in 1965 and now runs the place.

He said: "People are very loyal to Dudley but footfall is well down. Younger generations aren't coming here."

"Simple things like parking would help. That business with the registration number annoys people no end. Some people have to go back to their cars to remember what their number is."

Heyday

The father of two now employs five people but his shop had 13 staff in its heyday in the 1980s.

Dudley Council turned Stone Street car park into a public space in 2002 in an £800,000 development.

Traders say that was a mistake. They are now in discussions with council bosses about 80 new on-street spaces in the Stone Street and High Street area.

Shopper Cyril Bennett, aged 74, of Rosemary Crescent, Woodsetton, had parked on the road in Stone Street while he popped into town for some bread rolls and birthday cards.

"This was the biggest waste of money. The car park was bringing money in and bringing people here."

Dudley's High Street is busy. There are plenty of people around to sell to. But the signs of decline are all too apparent.

At least nine shops are closed permanently, many of them with no sign of what they used to be.

There is an empty cash and carry, furniture clearance, a branch of Firkins bakery and a Millets camping supplies shop, with a sign on the door saying it is now operating out of its branch at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

Diversify

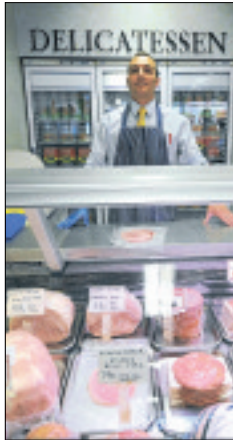
Pamela Burns, aged 68, works at Teddy Gray's sweet shop. The great-grandmother of Green Park Road, Kates Hill, says: "We need the big shops like Marks and Spencer back. People just aren't coming in like they used to."

Traders have had to diversify to survive. Graham Bradley, aged 59, of Matthew Southall Potato Merchants is selling more to restaurants and takeaways now when his trade several decades ago was the many fruit and vegetable shops.

A supermarket is planned for Tower Street but Mr Bradley, of Summercourt Square, Kingswinford, says: "If it's going to work there needs to be plenty of parking."

"Other supermarkets out of town, like Tesco at the Burnt Tree Island, have taken trade away."

Steven Homer & Sons, a butcher's shop on the Churchill precinct has been trading



Steven Homer at his butchers



Parking plea - Alan Caswell of the Arcade Toy Shop



Sandra Guest and Pamela Burns



Dudley High Street is busy but lots of shops are closed



Shock at market closure - Sally Sharma of Sally's Fashions

for 10 years, manned by Mr Homer, aged 47. He says he has suffered a "dramatic decline in trade" over the past 12 months and said the lack of free parking had brought about a gradual demise of the High Street.

But he adds: "If Dudley town's appearance was revamped it would bring folks back in." Across the High Street is Spencer's Indoor Market, which is due to be closed permanently on July 23. Clothes stall Sally's Fashion first opened 20 years ago and will be forced to close.

Shocked

Owner Sally Sharma, from Cosely, says customers have been loyal over the years and have been shocked to hear that the market is being shut.

"It was a shock to us all," she says. "I don't know what I'm going to do." Too young to retire, she is now in the process of looking for employment elsewhere.

Rumours are circulating along the high street of a takeover by a large commercial chain but nothing has been confirmed.

The council is going to spend £6 million on revamping Dudley's Market Place.

Under all the market revamp plans, the statue of legendary Dudley footballer Duncan Edwards would be moved to the other end of the market towards Bottom Church.

The ageing toilet block would also be relocated, to create a view of Dudley Castle.

The 19th century fountain would be refurbished and a new moat created.

The number of permanent stalls would be reduced from the current 74 pitches but Dudley Council said temporary stalls could be added on busy days.

Councillor Les Jones, leader of Dudley Council is convinced the town centre has plenty of parking to accommodate shoppers.

He says: "However, we recognise that some of this car parking is not in the most convenient location. And as part of massive regeneration proposals for Dudley town centre, which are progressing well, we will

hopefully bring in new car parking as part of wider improvements."

"In the meantime, we have been working with traders for some time on short term solutions to parking in Dudley town centre. We will be meeting with traders again very soon to look at progress on that."

"However, there are no plans to revert back to using Stone Street Square as a car park, instead it will form a key piece in a regeneration jigsaw for the town along with the town's Market Place."

Friends

Ian Austin, MP for Dudley North, grew up in the town and spent Saturdays wandering from Graduate Records to Beatties or meeting friends at the cafe upstairs at Littlewoods.

"There's no doubt out-of-town shopping has had a big impact. The recession has hit the town centre hard."

"But the loss of the university campus and closure of town centre car parks have caused problems too."

Staff on £50,000 per year increase

The number of staff paid at least £50,000 a year by cash-strapped Dudley Council increased by more than 10 per cent.

The total went up by 44 over the course of a year - meaning 364 workers took home more than £50,000.

Ten of these included redundancy payments. It comes as the council tries to save £22 million and looks to shed 800 jobs as part of budget cuts. The total wage bill for people over £50,000 cost the council £21.2 million in the 2010/11 financial year.

Of the workers now paid more than £50,000, there are 202 school staff with the rest employed by the council, including 29 senior managers and officers.

One person earned between £125,000 and £130,000, while six raked in £95,000 to £110,000.

The council's finance chief has defended the salaries, saying the increase is down to people getting pay rises.

Some 145 staff earned £50,000 to £55,000 in the 2010/11 financial year, which is up 15 on 2009/10.

Salaries

There were 22 people being paid £65,000 to £70,000, 26 were on £70,000 to £75,000, and 27 got between £75,000 and £100,000.

The salaries over £50,000 cost at least £21.2m a year in total - up from £18.6m the year before.

The 364 staff do not include the council's seven directors, treasurer and chief executive, who between them get nearly £750,000 a year.

Chief executive John Polychronakis received £161,000 last year, including a £20,000 pension contribution. John Millar, director of urban environment, chalked up a £13,000 pension on top of his £105,000 salary.

Finance chief Councillor David Blood, said: "The figures relate to a range of staff including some school staff. The increase relates to people receiving increments and redundancy payments which are also included in remuneration."

Councillor David Sparks, Labour opposition group leader, said: "At a time of economic restraint I'm surprised at the number of people earning more than £50,000."

Pub fun day

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Coroner warns of drug risk

A coroner has warned of the dangers of party drug mephedrone, after a scaffolder collapsed and died hours after taking the drug.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain said the death of 44-year-old Roger Deeley from Rowley Regis should be a lesson to others about the dangers of the drug, also known as 'meow meow', which was made illegal last year.

The coroner said: "There are lessons to be learned. Mephedrone – or meow meow – is becoming more popular.

"The public must know that if you take any drug which has not been prescribed you have no information as to what it contains and the likely effect."

Mr Deeley collapsed and died at his home in Rowley Regis, after taking a lethal cocktail of cocaine and meow meow at a party on April 15, the night before his death.

Partner

Mr Deeley's partner Tracey Holloak, who lived with him in Dudley Road, told an inquest: "I tried it but I didn't like it. We came home at 2am and stayed up until 6am when we went to bed. We woke up at 11am and Roger said he didn't feel very well and he was being sick. I asked if he was okay and he said he would go back to bed and sleep it off. He gave me a kiss and went upstairs but then I heard a thud. He was a big man so I ran to get the neighbours to help me."

Miss Holloak said she was "surprised" that traces of cocaine had been found in Mr Deeley's system as she had not seen him take any.

Mr Balmain recorded a verdict of accidental death caused by an overdose of the two drugs taken together.

Baseball bat case admitted

A man who attacked a woman with a baseball bat in Dudley and assaulted another man has been warned he faces an "inevitable" jail sentence.

Richard Marsh, aged 42, of High Street, Quarry Bank pleaded guilty to grievous bodily harm against Sarah Blakemore at Wolverhampton Crown Court on July 12.

He also admitted common assault against Philip Worrall, though denied assault causing actual bodily harm. He was released on bail until August 3, when he will be sentenced, while reports are prepared.

Judge Amjad Nawaz told him he had pleaded guilty to an "extremely serious" offence. "A custodial sentence is inevitable," he said.

Mr Gurdeep Garcha defending told the court Marsh was aware a custodial sentence was likely, adding: "There is much about this man that is positive."

A chance to sail

People can try out sailing at Himley Hall near Dudley next month.

Sailing taster days will be held at the venue on August 13 and 14 by Himley Sailing Club. It is free but booking is essential. To find out information about the club or to book call 01902 755149

Charity to re-cycle

Cyclists in the Wyre Forest district are being urged to donate unwanted bikes to a charity which provides training and employment opportunities for young people.

Motov8, based at Gregorys Mill Street, Worcester, takes in older cycles destined for landfill sites and carries out restoration and repairs so they can be sold on.

It allows people to learn new skills

and also cuts down on the amount of refuse going to landfill sites in the Worcestershire area.

The charity is on the lookout for unwanted bikes or cycle parts so it can continue its work. All of the bikes sold on by the charity are for £50 or less. It also carries out servicing on cycles which are still in use.

For more information call the charity on 01905 619068.

The only way is Dudley for Facebook followers

It might not be known for having the glamour of Essex, but thousands of people believe Dudley is the only place to be. The antics of perma-tanned young Essex revellers have inspired a Black Country resident to set up a group singing his area's praises.

A Facebook page called The Only Way is Dudley has now got more than 5,000 fans and is growing by the day. T-shirts have even been produced emblazoned

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Brothers Steve Edwards, 27, and Tim Edwards, 24, wearing their Only way is Dudley T-shirts

Play site handed grant

Supporters of a Black Country park have received a £10,000 lottery grant towards play equipment.

The Awards for All funding will be used to buy a swing and seesaw which will be installed on the former bowling green at Homer Hill Park in Cradley.

Friends group secretary Val Bloomer said: "The Friends of Homer Hill Park applied for the funding and are delighted."

with the group's logo, which features Dudley Castle.

Steven Edwards, of Brierley Hill, started his campaign after watching hit reality show The Only Way is Essex on ITV2, which documents the activities of a group of friends in Brentwood. The factory loader, aged 27, said he wanted to showcase what Dudley borough has to offer.

Members of the group are encouraged to post photos of their antics and discuss what is going on across the borough.

A fake "cast list" has been set up on the site featuring bands and well-known characters from the town.

Members send in pictures of their nights out at pubs such as The Mitre in Stourbridge and the Bluebrick in Brierley Hill. Mr Edwards' girlfriend, Rebecca Turner, 26, is a budding model and has put some photos on the site to add a bit of glamour.

Mr Edwards, of Gorsty Avenue, said: "I saw the TV show and I thought Dudley deserved to get some recognition."

"People don't realise the history the place has got and in some ways it seems to have been forgotten. The group gives people a forum to talk about what's good and bad about the place."

Audience

The tops were made by online store The Black Country T-Shirt shop.

The Only Way is Essex has been attracting up to a million viewers and even scooped the Youtube Audience prize at the Baftas.

Each week it shows the stars, who range from personal trainers to beauty therapists, going clubbing and organising parties.

Among the stars is nightclub promoter Joey Essex who uses the catchphrase "totally reem", meaning something is good.

Mr Edwards added: "Dudley is full of down to earth people and there are quite a few council estates – so a Dudley version would be completely different to the Essex show."

"It would be amazing if someone did a documentary like that here because it would be full of real people."

Positive outlook on jobs

Unemployment fell nationally by 26,000 in the three months to May to 2.45 million – and there were positive signs in Dudley and Kidderminster.

While the total unemployment figure dropped nationally, those claiming jobseeker's allowance increased by 24,500 last month to 1.52 million. But in the Midlands both the total unemployment figure and the claimant count fell, suggesting a pick-

up of jobs in the region's manufacturing industries.

Total unemployment in the West Midlands fell by 32,000 to 226,000 in the three months to May. The biggest drop was in Dudley, down 111 to 9,587, or five per cent of the working population. In Kidderminster and Wyre Forest the number claiming Jobseeker's Allowance was down 66, to 2,045 or 3.3 per cent.

Parking patrols criticised

Parking wardens have been advised to patrol in pairs in parts of Dudley after reports of violence and threats from irate motorists.

But critics have branded the move a "gross waste of resources" as it was claimed some wardens were taking advantage of the advice to walk around in pairs in areas where no incidents had been reported.

"Unofficial guidance" was issued to wardens amid fears of further violence from drivers, after recent figures showed there were 26 attacks on staff across the Dudley borough in the past two years, including two in the town centre and one in Netherton town centre in January.

Cabinet member for transport Councillor Patrick Harley said it was "perfectly sensible" for wardens to walk around together in areas where they had been subjected to abuse.

But he added: "They should not be walking around together in areas which are not on this list – I will ensure that anyone who is caught doing so is warned accordingly."

Labour leader Councillor David Sparks demanded a review, saying the situation was "unacceptable".

He said: "Parking enforcement officers should not be walking around together – we haven't got enough to go around and some areas of the borough rarely see one at all."

"It is a gross waste of resources."

£20,000 cost of metal theft

A thief who targeted a Black Country firm three times for metal made them lose £20,000 in trade, a court heard.

Leigh Clarke even carried out the third raid when he was on bail for breaking into an electricity substation. He stole £2,000 worth of metal from scrap traders Sims Metal Management in Cradley Heath, Dudley Magistrates were told.

Bosses at the firm say they lost £20,000 in business due to the damage caused as production had to be suspended, the court heard.

Clarke, aged 42, of Gibbs Road in Lye, first broke into the site in Baseston Road on June 9. He returned 11 days later and took copper cables worth £750. Clarke returned on July 7 when he cut a number of brass fittings worth £240 from gas bottles.

Clarke pleaded guilty to burglary and three theft counts. Sentencing will be next month.

Stars on track at sport academies

Two Midlands sports stars will be at academies this summer to give youngsters tips for success.

England and Warwickshire cricketer Chris Woakes and former Aston Villa footballer Ian Taylor will be at Hagley Catholic High School from July 25 to August 19.

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Airgun sparks police swoop

Armed police surrounded a man after reports he was brandishing a pistol – but it turned out to be an airgun which was being used to kill rats, a court heard.

Nathan Gumley, aged 19, of Lydiate Road, Halesowen, pulled the gun from his waistband to show a friend. But a passer-by saw him take out a black handgun so called the police.

"They found the weapon in his waistband. It was designed to look like a semi-automatic pistol and requires very close scrutiny to see it is actually an air weapon."

Mr Jahangeer Aslam, defending, said Gumley was on his way to take the £80 gun back to a shop in Northfield as the clip was faulty.

He had been asked by a neighbour to help control a rat infestation at his house, he said.

He added: "He accepts it wasn't the best way to carry the pistol but he thought if he kept it concealed it was OK. Of course being confronted by armed police pointing guns at him indicated otherwise."

Gumley, an unemployed forklift truck driver, pleaded guilty to possessing an air weapon in a public place and was given a 12-month community order.

He must complete 150 hours unpaid work and pay £85 costs.

Chairman of the magistrates in Dudley Mr Len Ridney also said the gun must be forfeited and destroyed.

He told Gumley: "You are lucky to still be standing here now as with one false move the situation could have been different. Officers are trained to shoot to kill."

Cuts threat to garage

The future of a garage which maintains police vehicles is in doubt as the West Midlands force tries to make savings.

Workers at West Midlands Police Fleet Services' garage in Bevan Road, Brierley Hill, say the site is under threat and there are fears over jobs.

Around 13 people are employed at the garage and workers said they were expecting a decision on the site next month.

West Midlands Police said while a review of its properties was taking place, no final decision had been made on any of its buildings.

Memories are stirred at High Arcal's big reunion

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More than 200 former staff and pupils gathered for a reunion to mark the 50th anniversary of a Black Country school.

The main hall at High Arcal School, in High Arcal Drive, Sedgley, was packed as old friends met to share memories.

An exhibition of photographs from the school's archives was created for the occasion. They followed the school's history from its opening in 1961 to the present day.

Among the pictures on display were shots of the school being built and of woodwork and metalwork classes taken just after it opened.

The reunion was part of a series of events being held to mark the golden anniversary which will culminate with a special dinner in October.

Among those taking a walk down memory lane were 73-year-old Michael Mandry, who worked at the school for 21 years before his retirement in 1985.

He came to the school in 1967 to set up an economics department and eventually became the head of the school's sixth form.

Celebrate

Mr Mandry, of Wall Heath, was delighted to find two pictures from his time at the school in the exhibition.

One showed him with the school's basketball team from the early 1970s, which he coached, and another when he led the Dudley schools cruise to the Mediterranean in 1985.

"It is nice to see so many former staff and pupils gathered together to celebrate such a special anniversary," he said.

"I really enjoyed my time at the school. It is a wonderful place and it is really nice to come back after all these years."

Mr Mandry said his three grand-daughters had also attended the school.

Friends Andrea Holloway, aged 49, from Coseley, and Bernadette Hadgett, 50, of Woodsetton, were also looking through the collected old photographs.

The pair were friends when they attended the school between 1974 and 1978 and met up again when their children became friends.

Mrs Holloway excelled at swimming and the school having its own pool was a bonus.

Teacher

The building society manager said: "By today's standards the pool was quite small and very hot but I have really good memories of it," she said.

Mrs Hadgett, who is now a teacher herself at Wordsley School, was head girl during her time at High Arcal.

"We have had a walk around some of the classrooms and it has changed a great deal since we were here in the 1970s," she said.

"The only thing which hasn't seemed to change is the school hall itself. It is great to have events like this to meet up with old friends and your former teachers."

Noreen Flavell, 56, of Wombourne, and her 56-year-old husband Ian met when they were in the school's sixth form together.

They attended the school between 1966 and 1973. Their relationship started in 1971 and the couple have now been married for 34 years.

Mrs Flavell, a teacher at Wolverhampton Girl's School, said: "The school has some very special memories for us. It is always great to come back and see people again."

Also attending was Mrs Flavell's lifelong friend Frances Richman, 56, of Worcester.



Ex-pupils and staff gather for a reunion celebrating the 50th anniversary



Andrea Holloway and Bernadette Hadgett catch up



Michael Mandry with a picture of the school's 1970s basketball team



Frances Richman, Ian Flavell and Noreen Flavell



Mr Mandry in 1985 when he led a school trip to the Mediterranean



A boy's woodwork class at High Arcal School in the 1960s

The English tutor remembered she and Mrs Flavell travelling to school from Goldthorn Park, Wolverhampton, where they both lived. She said: "I can still remember us both loaded by our satchels and other things we had to carry for school."

Another visitor was deputy leader of

Dudley Council, and former High Arcal pupil, Councillor Tim Wright, who found a class photo of himself taken at the school in 1977 when he was 16. He said: "It really has been a trip down memory lane for everyone," he said. "I really enjoyed my time here and have been delighted to come back."

School spokesman Sukhjop Dhami said it was an excellent event. He added: "We are very pleased so many former staff and pupils turned out to celebrate the 50th anniversary with us. There are more events to come later in the year and we hope these will be just as successful."

40 jobs at fast food diner up for grabs

Forty new jobs are being created at a Dudley fast food restaurant.

McDonald's franchisee, Afia Sirkhot, aged 43, wants to increase the workforce at the Castlegate branch from 60 to 100.

In November, the restaurant started opening 24/7, which has proven popular with customers prompting the need for extra workers.

Mrs Sirkhot said the available positions were "across the board" and ranged from front counter and kitchen staff to drive thru attendants.

"The hours are very flexible and can be during the day or during the night. I am looking to recruit people of all ages who enjoy working with people."

"It could be teenagers who want to earn some qualifications while they work or mothers who want flexible hours or people who may have been made redundant from another job," she said.

Mrs Sirkhot, who has run the Castlegate franchise for two and a half years, said there were also training and apprenticeship opportunities.

Last year, the restaurant underwent a £350,000 refurbishment.

£170,000 on vehicles

More than £170,000 is to be spent by Wyre Forest District Council to replace a authority-owned vehicles.

Bosses are looking to splash out £172,000 for four tipper trucks and two vans.

They will replace existing vehicles used by the Environmental Maintenance Team. Details of the purchase have been revealed in the council's cabinet papers.

Because the value of the vehicles is more than £156,000 the council is required to go through the EU tendering process.

Centre hosts new job club

A community centre in Dudley is to become the base for a new jobs club.

Woodside Community Centre, in Highgate Road, is the venue for the club organised by Job Centre Plus and centre volunteers.

The community centre will be hold the club every Tuesday between 10am and 2pm. The centre will also host a job fair offering information and advice on July 26 from 10am until 6pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

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Pub boss pitches in with charity effort

A pub manager is taking on his local village veterans' cricket team in a charity match. Tim Churchman has declared "the battle of Belbroughton" on against the Strollers side.

He is manager of The Queen's pub and restaurant, Belbroughton, near Stourbridge, which recently became the official catering sponsor of the village veterans' team.

Now he has decided to raise a team to play a charity cricket match against them, with profits donated to Chads Grove School, Bromsgrove, which is attended by his 15-year-old son, Alexander.

Chads Grove is a special day school for children with a physical disability and many pupils also have additional sensory, communication or learning difficulties.

Battling

Tim said: "Alexander has flourished at Chads Grove and I am very happy to be able to do something to help raise funds for the school."

The Queen's will go head-to-head with the Strollers on July 31 in a 10-over match at Belbroughton Cricket Club, with both teams battling for local victory.

The Strollers appear to have a current advantage, meeting weekly to practise – but Tim is pulling his pub team together and plans to embark on a vigorous training schedule.

Tickets to watch the match are £2, including an automatic entry into a draw to win prizes stumped up by local businesses, and are available on the day of the match or in advance from The Queen's or through the pub's website

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Back row, from left Tony Boardman, Kevin Smith and Bryn Thomas. Front Rob Hawk, Kim Pearlman, Alexander Churchman and Tim Churchman.

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Theatre worker saved pensioner's life



Jonathan Thompson, with Malcolm Beese, 73, whose life he helped save

A pensioner who collapsed outside the Birmingham Hippodrome has told how his life was saved by a member of staff – who had recently completed a first aid course. Grandfather-of-two Malcolm Beese, aged 73, was with a friend John Preston, 63, waiting to see the stars of Calendar Girls.

Mr Beese, of Brierley Hill, was waiting to get autographs from actors including Bernie Nolan and Gary Lineker's wife Danielle, when he collapsed at the stage door.

The theatre's head of customer services Jonathan Thompson, was among the first to help Mr Beese. He spotted the signs he had learned to recognise in a first aid refresher class with St John Ambulance. He put Mr Beese into

the recovery position but when he realised he was not breathing, Mr Thompson began performing the kiss of life and chest compressions until paramedics arrived. The theatre has its own defibrillator and staff are trained by St John Ambulance service.

"The work that Jonathan did to keep me alive – I can't put it into words," said Mr Beese.

Mr Beese, a retired kitchen carpenter and metal forging engineer, brought Mr Thompson a bottle of whisky and a card to say thank you.

"They (paramedics) said it was the chest compressions I had delivered that saved his life – that is something that will stick in my mind forever," said Mr Thompson

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Bosses in talks on collapsed care firm

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Council chiefs across the region said they were working closely with social care bosses and managers following the collapse of care home operator Southern Cross.

Bosses have met managers of homes in the Black Country and Staffordshire after last week's announcement that the company was to close and transfer operations to its landlords.

Southern Cross employs 44,000 people nationally and runs some 20 care homes in the Black Country and five in Staffordshire. Council chiefs in Dudley said they were working to make sure Southern Cross residents were the top priority.

Other care homes affected in the Black Country and Wyre Forest include Ashbourne, Dudley, Ashgrove, Netherton, Bryden House, Kidderminster, and Redbrick Court, Wordsley.

Dudley Council community chief, Councillor Lesley Faulkner, said: "We are working with colleagues in health and other local authorities regionally and nationally to ensure the interests of residents in Southern Cross care homes are protected."

Stressed

Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris recently visited Southern Cross' Roxburgh House care home, Reddall Hill Road, Cradley Heath, to discuss the future for staff and residents.

The home is one of 26 in the West Midlands run by the struggling company employing around 40 workers and housing 38 residents.

"Obviously this news is very concerning for residents of Southern Cross care homes and their friends and family," said Mr Morris.

"It is important that the landlords of these care homes take the time to consider the implications of any decision they make regarding their future use."

"I hope that the majority of the care homes will continue to offer residential care."

"In the meantime, I will be speaking to both Dudley and Sandwell Councils to ensure that continuity of care is maintained for the residents."

Beacon voted leading light



Receiving the award, general manager Alex Marchant and operations manager Simon Massey, with other Camra members, at Beacon Hotel

Plenty of real ale, a cosy atmosphere and welcoming staff have helped The Beacon Hotel in Sedgley win another coveted award.

The pub has been named West Midlands county pub of the year for the fourth in the row by real ale champion Camra.

The traditional Victorian pub in Bilston Street is home to the Sarah Hughes Brewery and its famous Dark Ruby Mild which attracts drinkers from across the Midlands

and further afield. In March, the Beacon Hotel was named pub of the year by members of the Dudley and South Staffordshire branch of Camra, for the fourth year in a row.

General manager Alex Marchant, aged 26, said she was "thrilled" with the pub's latest success.

Simon Hanson, for Camra said: "The quality and range of beers speak for themselves, most of which are brewed in the brewery at the back of the pub."

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Month-long closure of road spurs anger

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Businesses in Dudley town centre fear trade will be hit following the month-long closure of a busy town centre road for major works to take place.

Stafford Street, Dudley is closed for the road works, with cordons and diversions to stay in place until August 11.

The closure is between High Street and Wellington Road – a stretch of road used daily by thousands. Diversions will take place in High Street, Wolverhampton Street, Southall's Lane, Wellington Road, King Street and Union Street.

But traders are concerned the closure will lead to heavy traffic congestion along those roads causing disruption to their business.

Janet Simpson, who runs Janet's Hair and Beauty Products, in Wolverhampton Street, said: "This is a very long time to have a main road like Stafford Street closed."

"It will inevitably cause more traffic along neighbouring roads and I am concerned people coming in to the town may see those queues and simply turn back. This would be bad for trade in this area."

"You cannot close off a road like this without it having an impact on other roads nearby."

Bottle-neck

Cynthia Burgin, of Burgins News, also Wolverhampton Street, said: "Stafford Street is a bottle-neck at busy times and all that traffic is going to be moved to other roads."

"It will cause heavy traffic in this area which may have an impact on trade."

"Drivers will have no choice but to use these roads simply to get around the town."

Bus routes have also been diverted because of the closure.

The work is taking place as part of an 18-month programme of roadworks around the town centre.

Stafford Street car park, which is used by hundreds daily will be open but drivers will have to use the two entrances in Cross Street.

Full steam ahead for revamp

A replica 18th century steam engine central to the Black Country's industrial heritage will be renovated ahead of its 300th anniversary.

Industrialist Thomas Newcomen's 1712 engine transformed mining in the coalfields of the region and across the country.

A Newcomen engine using original designs and sourced from Black Country materials has been on display at the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley for 25 years.

But on August 30 it will close for a restoration scheme, for which grant applications are still being finalised.

A grand reopening will take place next summer.

Museum director of collections David Eveleigh said the replica engine has played a significant role.

"Within the field of science and technology, the museum's replica has made a considerable contribution to our understanding of early steam technology but it also places the museum and its collections at the very heart of the rise of the western world," he said.

It will be the focal point of a programme to mark its 300th anniversary next summer including a lecture by the television presenter Adam Hart-Davies.



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Private sector must be the driver for business recovery

This recovery can only be led by the private sector. On several recent business visits I've seen some encouraging signs of business confidence returning, with investment and hiring as a result. The banks must play their part in aiding recovery by making finance available to growing businesses.

In a recent column I highlighted www.StartUpBritain.org which provides help for start-up businesses. In addition the Conservative Party is providing entrepreneurs with a unique opportunity to showcase their ideas at the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester at the start of October in the Start-Up Hub.

Conservative Party Conference is one of the largest political gatherings in the UK. The Start-Up Hub gives entrepreneurs a chance to market their ideas in front of delegates, national press, company representatives and senior Conservative politicians.

For full details go to www.conservatives.com/startup-phub. Entries must be submitted via email by midday on Friday July 29. The finalists will be chosen by the start up business panel later this year. For further information about the competition please email business@conservatives.com. I look forward to seeing Dudley's entrepreneurs showcasing their ideas.

Build strong local economies

Last week I welcomed £362,000 in new funding from the Government for the Brierley Hill Active Travel Partnership (BHATP). A total of £25.75m was awarded to transport schemes across the West Midlands. This is the first allocation of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF), which is worth £560 million over the next four years.

The underlying aim of the LSTF is to help build strong local economies and address, at a local level, the urgent challenges of climate change, delivering cleaner environments, improved safety and increased levels of physical activity.

It will support local authorities such as Dudley in delivering solutions that tackle the problems of congestion, improve the reliability and predictability of journey times and enhance access to employment. These solutions should help bring about changing patterns of travel behaviour with greater use of more sustainable transport modes.

The fund provides the opportunity for authorities to take an integrated approach to meeting local challenges and to delivering additional wider social, environmental, health and safety benefits for people in local communities.

BHATP met the fund's key objectives of creating economic growth in the area and cutting carbon footprints. This investment will help build a strong local economy and help people to better access public transport.

Shock of phone hacking scandal

In recent weeks the whole country has been shocked by the revelations about the phone hacking scandal. Accusations of widespread law-breaking by parts of our press, alleged corruption by some police officers and a failure of our political system over many, many years to tackle a problem that's been getting worse.

Last week the Prime Minister set out the Government's intention to establish an independent public inquiry into phone hacking and other illegal practices in the British press.

There are two pieces of work to be done. First – a full investigation into wrongdoing in the press and the police, including the failure of the first police investigation.

Second – review of regulation of the press. The Government wants to get on with both these elements as quickly as possible, while being mindful of the ongoing criminal

investigations. So after listening carefully, it has been decided that the best way to proceed is with one inquiry in two parts.

This inquiry will be led by one of the most senior judges in the country, Judge Leveson, and be established under the 2005 Inquiries Act, which means it will have the power to summon witnesses to give evidence under oath and in public.

He will make recommendations for a new, more effective way of regulating the press, and about the future conduct of relations between politicians and the press.

This part of the inquiry will report within 12 months. The second part of the inquiry will examine the extent of unlawful or improper conduct at the News of the World and other newspapers, and the way in which management failures may have allowed this to happen. This part of the inquiry will also look into the original police investigation and the issue of corrupt payments to police officers.

I welcome the Government's decisive action in dealing with this crisis in our print media as well as News Corp's decision to withdraw its BSkyB bid.



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Age charity on move to bigger premises

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A charity in Dudley is to close two of its offices and open a new bigger base at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

Age UK Dudley will take over the running of the Shopmobility wheel-chair and scooter hire services at the centre from the start of August.

It plans to close its trading insurance and information offices in Birdcage Walk, Dudley, and Mill Street, Brierley Hill and transfer the staff and volunteers to Merry Hill where it already runs an activity centre.

Bosses said the new base at the current Shopmobility office, opposite the cinema car park, will allow more people to access its services, which are used by thousands of Dudley pensioners every year.

They include the day care, footcare, gardening and good neighbour schemes as well as advice and information and the exercise and IT classes.

Offering

Chief officer Sally Huband said the charity was also looking at offering an "out-reach" service in Dudley town centre to avoid leaving the area entirely. It is hoped a part-time service can be set up although this has not yet been confirmed.

"Age UK are certain that everyone that visits these two offices will appreciate the newer and bigger surroundings," she said.

"There will be lots more to see at Shopmobility Merry Hill and staff and volunteers are really looking forward to welcoming to visit their new home," she said.

Westfield's customer experience manager Sue Pedley said: "We are delighted to be working with Age UK Dudley and are confident they will continue to deliver this service to the high standards of our concierge team has provided up to now."

"Westfield concierge team will continue to be on hand for support during the handover period."

Age UK Dudley will be remaining at its office in Cradley Road, Netherton as well as the activity and wellbeing centre based between Sainsbury's and Argos at Merry Hill.

The activity centre runs a range of dance, exercise and IT classes as well as photography sessions.

Horse tramples on car



June and Bill Willetts with their car which was hit by a horse

A horse crashed into a parked car, smashing the windscreen, in a freak accident in Dudley.

The animal was being ridden along Bromley Lane in Kingswinford when it suddenly bolted, reared up and its front legs landed on top of the Mercedes owned by grandmother June Willetts.

The rider was thrown from the horse but was not thought to have been injured. The horse suffered cuts to its legs.

The windscreen of the Mercedes C-Class was smashed and the roof and bonnet were dented.

Retired hairdresser Mrs Willetts, aged 68, had been in the

front living room of her home with her daughter Claire when the accident happened.

She said: "My daughter looked out of the window and said, 'Mum, there's a horse on the roof of your car'. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw it."

"It was such a shock. Another 10 minutes and I would have been leaving the house to pick up my grandchildren from school so it could have been a lot worse," she said.

Mrs Willetts said it was an "accident waiting to happen" as the area had a problem with stray horses roaming loose.

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Alarms issued to taxi drivers

Taxi drivers in Dudley have been issued with personal alarms as they emerged a colleague while dropping off passengers.

The terrified driver had his mobile phone and cash stolen after he took three men to Teme Road, Cradley recently.

The 54-year-old picked them up from Digbeth in Birmingham about 7am in the morning. They threatened

him and fled down an alleyway. Two hundred alarms have now been handed out by Dudley Borough Taxi Watch forum. Shaz Saleem, chairman of Dudley private hire and taxi association and member of Dudley's Taxi Watch said: "The work done by taxi drivers can be very difficult and at times they can be vulnerable. We are very pleased to have ongoing support from the police and council."

Sgt Steve Gordon of Stourbridge police said reported disputes between drivers and passengers had fallen since officers began working closely with them. One of the men involved in the attack was black with dreadlocked hair and the other two were believed to be mixed race. All were in their early 20s and wore hooded tops. Witnesses are asked to call Dudley CID on 0345 113 5000.

Schedule for annual charity run

Plans for the annual 10k run through the countryside of a Midlands village have been announced by organisers.

Kinver Rotary Club's fifth charity road race will take place in the streets and surrounding hills of the village on September 25.

All the cash raised on the day itself is going to be donated to Dudley's Action Heart charity.

The 10k race starts and finishes at Potters Cross near Brindley Heath Primary School, in Enville Road, at 10am.

There will also be a 2k family fun run starting at 10.45am. The 10k event, sponsored by BodyKraft, has a limit of 400 places.

Runners must pre-book their places beforehand for this race. The last day for entries is Friday, September 23.

It costs £9 for registered running club members and £11 for non-club members.

Families can enter the 2k race at a cost of £3 per person or £6 for a family of two adults and two children.

To enter the race or for further details, call Action Heart on 01384 292233, email running@actionheart.com or visit www.actionheartrunning.com.

Beauty salon is now in the pink

Twin sisters Amanda and Leanne Hopkins are literally in the pink – after a change of colour scheme doubled their business overnight.

The pair, who are partners in Get the Look hair and beauty salon in High Street, Amblecote, Stourbridge, painted the whole front of their shop in striking hot pink.

The look is complete with pink decor, curtains and hair dryers inside.

The 23-year-old sisters, who share a flat opposite their shop, opened Get the Look in March 2010 and at first it was plain white.

"A few months ago we decided to paint the front wall in our favourite colour to be more noticeable – and it's worked," said beauty therapist Amanda.

Students put together CD

Students at a Stourbridge school will be recording a charity CD to help as part of a project they are completing.

Project Gambia, which was launched in 2007 by Ridgewood High School in Wollaston, gives pupils the opportunity to visit and help improve the living conditions of villagers.

The CD will be recorded on July 28.



Leanne and Amanda Hopkins outside their beauty salon, Get the Look, in Amblecote

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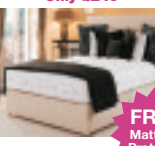
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Quarry used to aid firefighter training



Above and below, firefighters from Blue Watch in an exercise dealing with victims of a car crash in a quarry

By Alex Wainwright
Firefighters from Dudley Blue Watch were part of a major training exercise at a local quarry to test their skills for unusual road traffic collisions.

Eleven fire engines and crews, including technical rescue specialists, joined with colleagues from West Midlands Ambulance Service's Hazardous Area Response Team (Hart), at Ketley Quarry, Kingswinford.

The exercise involved a crash between two cars, with one of the vehicles falling down the 50 metre embankment and landing at the bottom of the quarry.

Complete with mock casualties from the vehicles around the crash site, the exercise presented a great opportunity to test how the different

agencies work together in a challenging and unusual environment.

Crew commander Bren Bladon said: "This exercise presented a number of challenges because of the simultaneous elements involved."

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"Conscious of time, we had to use specialist rescue equipment, specifically designed for working at height, to safely remove the casualties from the cars."

There were some valuable lessons from this exercise for all involved, he added.

WCL Quarries Ltd allowed Dudley Blue Watch and their colleagues to use the site for free.

Managing director Simon Winner said: "As a local business, WCL Quarries likes to invest in the local community, whether this be creating jobs, supporting local initiatives or as we have with West Midlands Fire Service, providing a location for them

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Free music concerts planned

A programme of free jazz, rock and 60s music concerts during the summer has been unveiled for people in and around the Wyre Forest area.

A total of 14 concerts are taking place in July and August, offering people in the region the chance to enjoy a deckchair and picnic and enjoy the music at various venues.

New acts on the bill include Bewdley singer-songwriter Daniel Seth and Motown five-piece Soul-town, as well as old favourites including the Kidderminster Male Voice Choir.

At the QEII Jubilee Gardens in Load Street, Bewdley, the music

starts on July 31 with a concert sponsored by the Friends of Bewdley Museum.

Irish band The Exiles will play their brand of contemporary folk music with a Celtic flavour between 2pm and 4pm, and concerts will take place in the gardens at the same time each week.

Museum

Visitors are also invited to pop in to Bewdley Museum next door for free.

Three concerts will take place on consecutive Sundays at Stourport Riverside, beginning on July 31 with Arthur Brown Jazz.

People in the town will then pull on their cowboy boots for the annual Wyre Forest Country & Western Festival which is now in its fifth year, and has grown in popularity and size since the first one-day event staged by a line dancing group in the district.

Now, the two-day extravaganza features live country music and stalls selling crafts, jewellery and general bric-a-brac. There will also be line dancing demonstrations and a fast draw shoot-out competition.

The event is free but some activities may charge. For more information about the line-up, visit the events section at www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Plan for car wash rejected

Plans for a car wash in a Dudley pub car park have been refused amid fears it would lead to traffic problems and tailbacks on the Birmingham New Road.

Under the proposals the business would have been open seven days a week at the King Arthur pub which is on the corner of Priory Road.

But councillors recently threw out the application saying the car wash would also be an eyesore.

Councillor Geoffrey Southall said: "These car washes are springing up everywhere like mushrooms."

"They do nothing for the character of an area. I just feel this is very wrong," he added.

Councillor Colin Banks agreed, saying: "I think it will look awful".

Councillor Rachel Harris said she was concerned about the impact it would have on traffic.

"It will cause traffic to back up on the Birmingham New Road."

"It will make it more dangerous," she said.

Dance away with the zumba



Zumba instructor Sharon Fowler at an Age UK class

People in the prime of life can now get involved in the latest fitness craze.

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for the over-50s and centre bosses say they have already proved a hit. Zumba is a Latin American inspired dance craze.

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Country fans line up for a record attempt



The Hayley Oliver Band will be playing on Saturday

Country music fans from across the nation will be hot-footing it to the region this weekend to enjoy an annual festival.

Wolvstock 17, sponsored by Banks's, kicks off in East Park on Saturday and continues through Sunday, with entertainment running from 11am to 8pm on both days.

The event follows on from last year's festival which attracted more than 15,000 – making it one of the biggest events of its kind in the UK.

The music starts on Saturday with Mac Bailey and Desperado opening up on the Arena stage, while on the UC Dance stage, Scott Bottrill gets thing moving.

There are many big names appearing over the weekend including Jellico Road Band who will be playing hits from Nashville Stars, and The Swing Commanders – one of the UK's premier western swing band six-piece bands.

Prize

Later on Saturday, John "Growler" Rowell, one of Britain's top dance instructors accompanying the World Champion Rob Fowler on the UC dance stage.

Sundays highlights include The Hayley Oliver Band who won the best newcomer prize at the 2010 BCMA awards. Hayley was born blind, she has a degree in music from London University and fronts a brilliant six-piece London-based band singing a lot of original songs. There's also a chance to see Henry Smith's Country Band, the 2010 BCMA band of the year from Portsmouth, and Donna Wylde female entertainer of the year for last two years at BCMA awards, plus Brighton-based The Diablos are launching their new album at Wolvstock.

Other attractions include a family funfair with bouncy castles, along with stalls, food



Kate Evans, Louise Bent and Vicky Price, from Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, are ready for Rhinestone Mondays

and bars. And as Wolvstock will feature everything country, the organisers have teamed-up with Wolverhampton Grand Theatre who will be presenting a brand new country musical comedy called Rhinestone Mondays which will star Lyn Paul (New Seekers), Faye Tozer (Steps), Ian H Watkins (Steps) and Shaun Williamson (EastEnders and Extras) later this year. So during the weekend's proceedings, The Grand and

Wolves Civic are going to attempt the "Rhinestone Record" – the greatest number of people dancing to the same musical track simultaneously at a country music festival.

The attempt will take place at Wolvstock on Sunday at 3pm which will then be submitted to the Guinness Book Of Records.

Anyone wanting to join in will be asked to dance to the country music classic Achy Breaky Heart and the Steps No. 1 track, 5,6,7,8.

Cast member Shaun Williamson will be there on the day to lead the line dance along with line dance professionals Rob Fowler (World Champion) and John "Growler" Rowell (national choreographer). Debbie Duncan will also be instructing all those taking part.

Rhinestone Mondays follows the maverick members of the Warbleswick Monday Night All Star Line Dancing Club as they fight and feud on a weekly basis. A new romantic comedy by Joe Graham, it is fuelled and fired by a classic country soundtrack of practically every great hit fans already know and love.

● **Wolvstock 2011 is help on Saturday and Sunday at East Park, Wolverhampton. Entry is Free. The Rhinestone record attempt is taking place on both stages at 3pm on Sunday.**

● **Rhinestone Mondays runs at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from September 13 to 17. Log on the Grand Theatre's website at www.grandtheatre.co.uk for more information.**

Running times for Wolvstock

Arena Stage Saturday

Noon Mac Bailey and Desperado
12.45 TC Dance break
1.05 Jellico Road Band
2.00 TC
2.20 Pig Earth
3.15 The Mayor TC
3.45 Dee D and the James Gang
4.45 Rob Fowler and Rhinestone rehearsal
5.15 A Card Trick
6.15 TC
6.45 The Swing Commanders
8.00 Close

UC Dance Stage

Noon Scott Bottrill
12.10 John "Growler" Rowell
12.15 Richard Palmer
1.00 Growler
1.15 Magill
2.00 Rob Fowler Masterclass
2.30 Richard Palmer
3.15 Growler Rhinestone Rehearsal
3.25 Twin Falls
4.10 Rob Fowler masterclass
4.40 Jellico Road
5.25 Growler
5.45 Magill
6.45 Growler
7.00 Twin Falls
7.45 Growler
8.00 Close

Arena Stage Sunday

12.0 Arizona Storm
12.45 TC Dance
1.05 Donna Wylde and Texas Tornado's
2.00 TC
2.20 The Hayley Oliver Band
3.15 Rhinestone Challenge with Rob and Deb
3.45 Henry Smith's Country Band
4.45 TC and Growler
5.15 The Diablos
6.15 TC and Rob Fowler
6.45 The Muddy Boots
7.55 Trilogy
8.00 End of Festival

UC Dance Stage

12 noon Rob Fowler Masterclass
12.30 Paul Taylor
1.15 Growler
1.30 Magill
2.15 Growler
2.30 Johnny Holland
3.15 Growler and the Rhinestone Challenge
3.45 Texas Tornado's
4.30 Rob Fowler Masterclass
5.00 Donna Wylde
5.45 Growler
6.00 Magill
6.45 Growler
7.00 Johnny Holland
7.45 Rob and Growler
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BBC PROMS 2011

BBC2, 9pm

When Stravinsky's Rite of Spring, the revolutionary work composed for Diaghilev and his Ballets Russes, was first performed in Paris in 1913, it's fair to say it got a bit of a mixed reception. The audience was apparently taken aback by the complex music and daring choreography. However, these days the work is regarded as a classic, so Katie Derham probably won't have to take body armour and a gum shield with her to the Albert Hall as she introduces coverage of the second Prom given by Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France led by the South Korean conductor Myung-Whun Chung.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Good Cook. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Formula 1: The German Grand Prix Qualifying. Live coverage from the Nurburgring (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.20** Racing from Ascot. **4.50** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **5.10** Film: Cars. (2006) Pixar animated adventure, with the voices of Owen Wilson and Paul Newman.

7.00 Tonight's the Night.

John Barrowman makes more dreams come true, sending a cancer survivor on a skydiving trip and inviting a roadside patrolman to duet with soul sensation Beverley Knight.

8.00 The National Lottery: In It to Win It.

Dale Winton presents the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big prize.

8.50 Casualty.

A nervous Ruth returns to clinical duties for a probationary period, while Adam's moralistic attitude threatens to affect his medical judgement.

9.40 Lee Mack's All Star Cast.

With JLS, Ashley Jensen and Tommy Tiernan. Last in the series.

10.20 BBC News: Weather.

National Lottery Update.

10.40 FILM: Eagle Eye.

(2008) Premiere. Thriller, starring Shia LaBeouf.

12.30 Film: Highlander: Endgame. (2000) Fantasy sequel, with Christopher Lambert and Adrian Paul; Weatherview. **2.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: Diagnosis Murder. (R) **12.40** Film: Anchors Aweigh. (1945) Musical, starring Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly. **2.55** Life Beyond the Box: Norman Stanley Fletcher. (R) **3.45** Porridge. (R) **4.15** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Warrington Wolves v Wigan Warriors (Kick-off 4.30pm).

6.30 Flog It! Experts Nigel Smith and Thomas Plant value the public's antiques in Stockport, Greater Manchester, while presenter Paul Martin pays a visit to a drum-maker. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army.

The platoon spends a night in a spooky house. (R)

8.00 The Impressionists - Painting and Revolution.

Waldemar Januszczak visits places made famous by the movement's painters.

9.00 BBC Proms 2011.

Myung-Whun Chung conducts the Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France in Weber's Overture, Brahms' Double Concerto for Violin and Cello and Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring.

10.40 QI XL.

With Johnny Vegas, David Mitchell, Rob Brydon and Alan Davies. (R)

11.25 The Rob Brydon Show.

With Matt Lucas, the Script and Nina Conti. (R)

11.55 FILM: Dear Frankie.

(2004) Drama, starring Emily Mortimer.

1.35 Film: Adam & Paul. (2004) Comedy, starring Mark O'Halloran and Tom Murphy. **3.00** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Ten Mile Menu. (R) **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** The Morning. Saturday. **12.45** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **1.15** ITV News: Weather. **1.20** Film: Agatha Christie's A Caribbean Mystery. (1983) Murder mystery, starring Helen Hayes. **3.20** Film: Columbo: Blueprint for Murder. (1972) Crime drama, directed by and starring the late Peter Falk. **4.50** Regional Programmes. **5.05** ITV News: Weather. **5.20** Film: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. (2002) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe.

8.15 Odd One In.

Sarah Millican and Stephen Mulhern challenge regulars Jason Manford and Peter Andre to identify people with unusual skills or secrets. Bradley Walsh hosts.

9.00 Penn & Teller: Fool Us.

Four more acts, including a Bath-based street magician and a mind reader, try to outwit the illusionists in a bid to land a gig in Las Vegas. Jonathan Ross hosts.

10.00 The Marriage Ref.

With Jonathan Ross, Jack Dee and Joanna Page.

11.00 ITV News: Weather.

11.15 FILM: Daylight. (1996) A former rescue worker sets out to save motorists trapped by a pile-up in a tunnel that is close to being flooded. Disaster movie, with Sylvester Stallone.

1.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.15** In Plain Sight. **4.05** ITV Nightshift. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Film Show. (R) **7.00** MSA Formula Ford Championship. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.25** T4: Hollyoaks Music Show. **9.55** T4: Smallville. (R) **10.50** T4: Friends. (R) **11.20** T4: Pop Up Pop Quiz. **12.10** T4: Dirty Sexy Things. **1.15** The TV Book Club. **1.45** Channel 4 Presents - David Clarke 2012. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 Channel 4 News.

6.30 4thought.tv. A psychiatrist shares his thoughts on mental illness.

6.35 The Mystery of the Nevada Triangle.

Aircraft disappearances in the Sierra Nevada mountains. (R)

7.30 The Space Shuttle's Last Flight.

Documentary charting the history of Nasa's space shuttle programme, which has transformed people's understanding of the universe and aided technological advancement.

9.00 Camelot.

Morgan infiltrates Camelot disguised as Igraine. **10.05** FILM: Kingdom of Heaven. (2005) Historical epic, starring Orlando Bloom.

12.50 Film: Bad Lieutenant. (1992) Crime drama, starring Harvey Keitel. **2.35** Film: Wrong Turn. (2003) Horror, starring Eliza Dushku. **3.55** Hill Street Blues. (R) **4.45** One Tree Hill. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Mexican Food Made Simple. (R) **10.30** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **11.35** Film: Shoot-Out at Medicine Bend. (1957) Revenge Western, starring Randolph Scott. **1.20** Film: Cheyenne Autumn. (1964) John Ford's Western, with Richard Widmark and James Stewart. **4.25** Film: Silverado. (1985) Western, with Kevin Kline and Kevin Costner.

7.00 Cricket.

England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third day of the First Test at Lord's, where the four-match series continued.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 NCIS. A Marine's severed head is found. Mark Harmon and Pauley Perrette star. (R)

9.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.

The team's investigation into the abduction of two girls leads to a schizophrenic artist from Louisiana who is in New York on business. Starring Diane Neal.

10.00 Boxing Live: British Heavyweight Title.

Derek Chisora v Tyson Fury. Coverage of the British and Commonwealth Heavyweight title fight at Wembley Arena in London.

11.35 UFC 79: Main Event.

Georges St-Pierre v Matt Hughes.

12.35 SuperCasino. **4.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **4.10** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **4.15** Law & Order. (R) **5.00** Hansa's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
6.55 Film: No Reservations (2007) **9.00** Film: Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (2000) Comedy sequel, starring Eddie Murphy. **11.15** Film: Red Dragon (2002)

ITV3

2.05 Bertie and Elizabeth **4.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **6.05** Film: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes (2000) **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** A Touch of Frost. Jack roys a 20-year-old murder case. **11.05** Film: Dolores Claiborne (1995) Thriller, with Kathy Bates.

ITV4

2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France. The 20th and penultimate stage. **4.30** British Superbike Championship Highlights **5.30** Police, Camera, Action! **6.00** The Professionals **7.00** Cycling: Tour de France **8.00** Freddie Flintoff Versus the World **9.05** Film: Jaws 2 (1978) **11.25** Film: Jaws 3 (1983)

BBC THREE

7.00 Pixar: 25 Magic Moments **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Family Guy **11.10** Film: Adulthood (2008)

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Blue Planet **8.00** If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home **9.00** Wallander. A couple die in a suspected arson attack on their home. **10.30** Elvis in Las Vegas **11.30** Top of the Pops: 1976

E4

2.25 Hollyoaks **5.00** Friends **6.00** One Tree Hill **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Friends **10.00** Film: Dogma (1999) Comedy fantasy, starring Matt Damon, Ben Affleck and Linda Fiorentino.

FILM4

3.15 All That Heaven Allows (1955) Romantic drama, starring Jane Wyman and Rock Hudson. **5.00** Bless This House (1972) **6.45** Clash of the Titans (1981) **9.00** The Happening (2008) **10.45** M Night Shyamalan on The Happening **10.55** Lake Placid (2000) Comedy horror, starring Bill Pullman.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: My Favourite Wife. (1940) Screwball comedy, starring Cary Grant and Irene Dunne. 1.00 Swimming. 3.00 Weakest Link. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Victorian Pharmacy. 7.30 Wonderstuff. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Antiques Master. 9.00 The Life of Muhammad. 10.00 Neal. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 Torchwood: Miracle Day. (R) 12.15 The Tudors. (R) 1.10 BBC News.

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Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 According to Jim. 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Friends. (R) 9.55 Three in a Bed. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 11.55 Channel 4 Presents Ellie Simmonds 2012. An insight into the life of the gold medal-winning Paralympic swimmer. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Relocation. 12.05 Down Under. (R) 1.10 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.20 Film: Torpedo Run. (1958) Second World War adventure, starring Glenn Ford. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: School's Out. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughtTV. 8.00 How Murdoch Ran Britain: Dispatches. 9.00 Embarrassing Bodies: Teen Special. 10.00 Sirens. 11.05 Coming Up: Micah. 11.40 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. (R) 12.30 Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. (R) 1.15 Music on 4: Jon Fratelli. 1.25 The Space Shuttle's Last Flight. (R) 2.55 24 Hours in A&E. (R) 3.50 Bob's Burgers. 4.15 Chat the Celebrity Chat. (R) 4.25 Hill Street Blues. (R) 5.15 One Tree Hill. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Second Chorus. (1940) Comedy, starring Fred Astaire. 1.00 Swimming. 3.00 Weakest Link. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Coast. (R) 8.00 Restoration Hour. 9.00 The Hour. 10.00 Twenty Twelve. 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 This World: Italy's Bloodiest Mafia. (R) 12.20 Film: Gomorrah. (2008) Premiere. Crime drama, starring Gianfranco Imparato. 2.30 BBC News. 3.55 Close.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Beautiful But Dangerous. (1954) Comedy drama, starring Jean Simmons and Robert Mitchum. 1.00 Swimming. 3.00 Weakest Link. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Rick Stein's Spain. (R) 8.00 Top Gear. (R) 9.00 The Code. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 Botham: The Story of 11. 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.15 BBC News. 4.05 Close.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Affair with a Stranger. (1953) Drama, starring Jean Simmons and Victor Mature. 1.00 Swimming. 2.15 Live Golf: The Women's British Open. The opening day from Carnoustie. 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Celebrity Eggheads. (R) 7.00 Space Shuttle: The Final Mission. (R) 8.00 Rick Stein's Spain. The chef travels to the land of El Cid and in search of the legendary 9th-century warrior. 9.00 Nicholas Crane. 10.00 Have I Got Old News for you. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 James May on the Moon. (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.10 BBC News. 3.25 Close.

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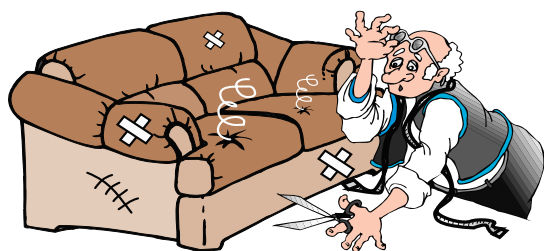
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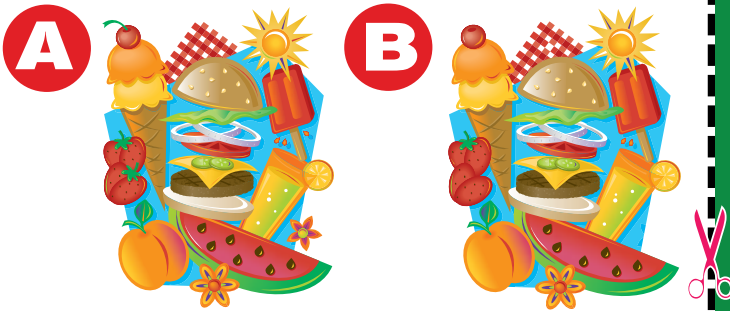
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Mad mix of farce which fizzles out

No surrender - Alan Bleasdale

Almost 30 years ago Liverpoolian playwright Alan Bleasdale made his name with the seminal *Boys From The Blackstuff* which was a follow-up mini-series to his original drama *Blackstuff*.

He was responsible for irritating the then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and showing a gritty and despairing view of life in his home city as it tried to struggle with recession, poverty and social breakdown.

Three years later he reunited quite a few of the cast for a full length film which had all the ingredients for an explosive farce. Sadly, *No Surrender* smoulders for too long and then fizzles out like a damp squib.

The film has a sterling British cast which includes not only Michael Angelis, who many will know as the voice of Thomas the Tank Engine; Bernard Hill who was known to millions in the 80s as Yozzer "gizzajob" Hughes and more recently as King Theoden in the epic *Lord of the Rings*, but also boasts James Ellis, Joanne Whalley, Ray MacNally and Michael Ripper.

Nefarious

Angelis is the new manager at a dive of a nightclub, The Charleston, in an obviously run down area of Liverpool which is a front for the local crime boss to carry out his nefarious activities.

Unbeknown to Angelis, heading towards the club to celebrate New Year's Eve, is a wanted and ageing IRA terrorist running from the law who is using the threat of violence to get help from a former comrade.

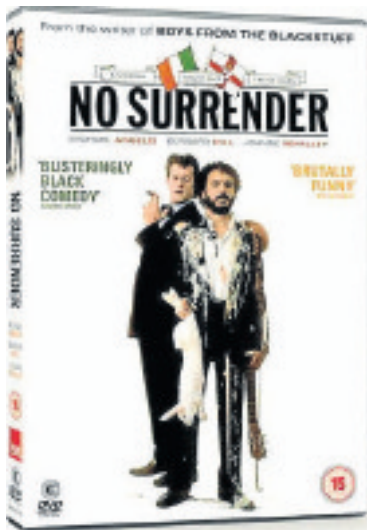
Add to this two parties of troublesome pensioners from the opposite ends of the religious spectrum - one lot from a catholic social club, the other all staunch Protestants; a totally inappropriate punk band; a lousy magician, played strangely enough by Elvis Costello and a dreadfully unfunny comedian, all of which have been organised by the previous boss of the club in some twisted act of revenge.

What follows is a series of pseudo-sketches which try to showcase the legendary wit of the Scouser in the face of adversity but unfortunately even back then, when they were trying to be cutting edge, most of the jokes were as tired sounding as the cast.

Realism

This is a film which doesn't know what it is, what it wants to do or what it wants to say as it heads towards its tragicomic conclusion.

It has Bleasdale's realism but it lacks his grittiness and humour gleaned from ridiculous and difficult situations and instead tries to force the pathos on the viewer much like the poor comedian who has been booked.



Bleasdale's reflections on society are there and there are subtexts of how the elderly and infirm are treated; the decay of modern society and old values; religious divisiveness and social prejudices among others, none of which are fully explored or committed to by either the actors or the script.

What you have is really a mess of a film which promises much but delivers little.

Like all of Bleasdale's work it is a snapshot of the times which inspired it however, like most Polaroids the sharpness began to fade straightaway.

Extras include the Making of and interview with the director Peter Smith.

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Upon entry via a uPVC wood grain style front door, the reception hall has ceiling coving, a built-in cloaks cupboard and ground floor shower room, which

is fitted with an attractive light suite comprising a shower cubicle, WC and pedestal wash basin.

The 22ft x 12ft 1in extended lounge includes a living flame effect gas fire with a feature surround, ceiling coving and a double-glazed patio door to the rear garden while there's a living flame style gas fire with a feature Adam style surround and ceiling coving in the separate formal dining room/second sitting room.

Spacious

In the spacious extended dining kitchen, there's what the agent describes as a "superb" range of light wood trim wall, base and larder units, a one-and-a-half bowl sink drainer unit with mixer tap and an integrated electric hob, stainless steel fan assisted oven and hood.

In the adjoining utility room, there's a stainless steel sink drainer unit with mixer tap, wall units, space and plumbing for a washing machine, space and vent for a tumble dryer and a tiled floor.

Upstairs, the master bedroom measures 13ft x 12ft 1in while there are two further good-sized bedrooms and a luxury refitted bathroom, which includes a classic white suite comprising a double ended bath with mixer tap and flexible shower spray, separate shower cubicle, pedestal wash basin with mixer tap, WC, ladder towel rail, chrome coloured fittings and a tiled floor.

Outside, the property is set back from the road behind a brick retaining wall and block paved driveway offering ample off-road parking and leading to the garage, which has double timber doors, a light point, power points and concrete floor.

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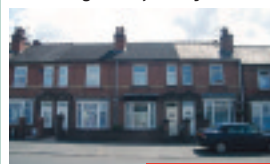
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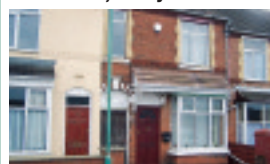


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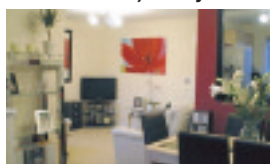


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WORDSLEY

1 Trinity Close

Commanding a generous corner/end plot, this TRADITIONAL END TOWNHOUSE enjoys a popular address and offers a SPACIOUS layout of accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, generous Lounge with Dining Area off, Kitchen, TWO LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Enclosed side entrance, useful storage outbuildings. The property is further enhanced by the very pleasant enclosed rear garden, LARGE SIDE GARDEN with possible potential for a separate building plot (subject to planning consent), SECTIONAL GARAGE and DRIVEWAY to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £109,950

KINGSWINFORD

42 Surrey Drive

This ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, MODERN TWO BEDROOM HOUSE is superbly located within this extremely popular and highly sought after modern development, just off Auckland Road, which is very well placed for local amenities and offers a VERY SPACIOUS layout of accommodation which is 'READY TO MOVE INTO', including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious & attractive lounge, well appointed dining kitchen, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS and beautifully re-appointed classic white bathroom. The property benefits the use of an ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING SPACE, together with SEPARATE VISITOR PARKING and ATTRACTIVE COMMUNAL GARDENS. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £109,950

QUARRY BANK

Lawnsdown Road

Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, requiring selective modernisation, yet offering excellent potential is this modern style three bedroomed semi detached property which has gas centrally heated accommodation which comprises: Hall, Through lounge, kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, Bathroom, Garden to rear parking to the front, realistically priced. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £109,950

WORDSLEY

31 Belle Vue

A DISTINCTIVE AND DECEPTIVE PERIOD SEMI DETACHED HOUSE which is superbly located within this established and very popular location offering WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation which requires SOME UPDATING, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING comprising: full width lounge, full width dining area with kitchen off, rear hall, TWO BEDROOMS and FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM. The property is further enhanced by the EXTENSIVE, LONG, PRINCIPALLY LEVEL REAR GARDEN which has a sunny aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £99,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

WALL HEATH VILLAGE**Open Viewing Saturday 23rd & Sun 24th July 11am - 2pm**

Forming one of David Payne's larger flagship designs, this SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED LICHFIELD DESIGN FAMILY HOME enjoys one of Wall Heath's most desirable locations within Heathbrook Farm, close to neighbouring countryside, and provides an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PLANNED layout which has been recently BEAUTIFULLY REDECORATED and RE-APPOINTED to now provide a ready to move into arrangement of elegant accommodation, comprising: Recessed Porch, Through Reception Hall, Guests Cloaks/WC, large Lounge with walk-in bay, Dining Room, CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, large family Dining Kitchen, Laundry Room, impressive Gallery Landing, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (Master with refitted En-Suite Bathroom), refitted House Shower Room; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is further enhanced by the attractive front garden with BROAD DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE and a very pleasant ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN which enjoys both a private and sunny rear aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £369,950

8 Ostler Close

**KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 REDUCTION**

4 Newfield Drive

Commanding a very large 'corner' plot and set back beyond the 'in and out' driveway, this SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME provides an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout of BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation including: entrance porch, large reception hall, generous lounge, dining room, refitted 'Shaker' style kitchen with built in appliances, separate utility, ground floor guests cloakroom/w.c., office, THREE VERY GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (bedrooms one and two with wardrobes) and a generous luxury refitted bathroom with separate shower; GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, LARGE DRIVEWAY, ADDITIONAL SIDE PARKING FOR CARAVAN/BOAT, GENEROUS GARAGE and LARGE SUNNY REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £224,950

SEDGLEY**NEW PRICE**

Dudley Road

A SPACIOUS, significantly modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed interior detached of character with many fine period features & providing FURTHER POTENTIAL with planning consent for substantial to side & rear. Accommodation includes entrance, imposing reception hall (original woodblock floor), store, elegant lounge with bay, sitting room, rear lobby, kitchen, transverse 24'3" verandah. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, stylish reappointed bathroom with white suite incorporating jacuzzi, large (22'8" garage), extensive, well planted/secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £224,950

GORNAL WOOD**NEW PRICE**

Louise Street

A SPACIOUS, conscientiously maintained & significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached family home on periphery of village with tremendous distant views and within walking distance of so many amenities. The well proportioned accommodation includes imposing reception hall (with various storage cupboards off), 24ft through living/dining room, refitted kitchen, laundry, fitted cloakroom. Three double and one single bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, integral garage. Extensive expertly tended gardens incorporating brick/block paved drive/parking area. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £219,950

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NO UPWARD CHAIN. AN EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed 4/5 bedroom detached providing extremely flexible room arrangements to suit a wide range of family requirements. Accommodation presently comprises entrance porch, imposing reception hall, fitted cloak/shower room, sitting room, further reception room (potential fifth bedroom), breakfast kitchen (with utility - conservatory addition), 21ft lounge with patio doors. FOUR BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom with white suite. Extensive brick/block paved parking. DOUBLE GARAGE, gated hard standing suitable for caravan, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in excess of £210,000**DUDLEY****Chillington Drive, Miking Bank neighbourhood**

An enhanced, gas centrally heated, & double glazed detached envially situated at head of relatively quiet cul-de-sac with good distant views, and within walking distance of so many amenities/facilities. Accommodation includes; reception hall, fitted cloakroom, separate dining room with bay, stylish lounge with living flame feature gas fire, bay (and double doors out to garden), L shape breakfast kitchen with oven, hob & filter, laundry, Garage sub-divided to create further utility room, and a study/office. Four bedrooms (principal bedroom with mirrored wardrobes & a reappointed shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £209,950**COSELEY****Bradleys Lane**

"Transformed" in recent months, a traditional, gas centrally heated, and uPVC double glazed detached of character in superb order throughout comprising; entrance porch, imposing reception hall, understairs store, elegant sitting room with bay, dining room with patio doors through to uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, stylish reappointed kitchen with a fine range of units & various appliances. Gallery landing, two double bedrooms, and a further room, reappointed bathroom with white suite. Many period features throughout. Potential garage space (subject to regulations), and a level fenced lawn rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950**LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE****Ruiton Street**

An PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS & exceptionally well presented, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated detached family home in popular convenient district with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation includes imposing 15'8" reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant 18'8" lounge with bay, sitting room (with patio doors to outside), well equipped 19'2" kitchen with an extensive range of units & various integrated appliances (defined laundry section). Four generous bedrooms (principal with shower room en suite & built in wardrobes), reappointed re-fitted bathroom with white suite, garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £165,000**DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Beaumaris Close (Off Richborough Drive)**

An exceptionally well presented, tremendously enhanced, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, semi detached that has been the subject of significant expenditure in recent years. Set in a cul-de-sac, the property comprises; entrance hall, refitted kitchen, former garage utilised as a utility room with matching units, transverse lounge/dining room and brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. Principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite, two further bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with a white suite. Professionally landscaped gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950**PENSNETT****LUXURY REFITTED KITCHEN****11 Woodfield Avenue**

Very well placed within this popular 'cul de sac' within this sought after location, this SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED AND ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL 'BAY FRONTED' SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a superb layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising; reception hall, spacious lounge, FANTASTIC LUXURY APPOINTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN with integrated appliances, utility room, BEDROOM 4 / 2ND RECEPTION ROOM, wet room, THREE GOOD SIZED FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS and 'classic white' bathroom. Set back beyond a small low maintenance front garden, together with a GOOD SIZED 'BLOCK PAVED' DRIVEWAY and enjoying a GOOD SIZED & VERY PLEASANT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £159,950**LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE****Cinder Road**

RARE OPPORTUNITY, a delightful conscientiously maintained, recently uPVC double glazed & also gas centrally heated semi detached of character with TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL on periphery of well regarded village. Accommodation provides reception hall, store, large L-shape living/dining room (previously separate rooms), kitchen, rear lobby, boiler room, separate w.c., outer double glazed porch, utility room. Three well proportioned bedrooms, recently reappointed bathroom with contemporary look white suite. Lengthy 32ft carport, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £157,500**HALESOWEN****Narrow Lane**

Attractive improved, pleasantly presented deceptively good size end position home having double glazing, gas radiator heating, comprising; extended large hall, lovely lounge, super DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with integral oven and hob, 3 bedrooms, spacious bathroom, garage, pleasant rear garden. HALESOWEN OFFICE 0121 550 3978

Offers in the region of £156,950**PENSNETT****13 Woodfield Avenue**

Enjoying a superb 'cul de sac' setting, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, TRADITIONAL 'BAY FRONTED' SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS & WELL MAINTAINED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising; entrance porch, reception hall, ground floor w.c., spacious lounge, separate dining room, study area, rear veranda, extended kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom. Set back beyond a GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY with access to the GARAGE, together with a level side access to a USEFUL SHUTTERED AND ENCLOSED SIDE AREA and enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £136,950**WORDSLEY****Open Viewing Sat 23rd July 11am - 1pm****88 Tack Farm Road**

This BEAUTIFULLY REFURBISHED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys an excellent corner setting within this established location, offering a VERY SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising; reception hall, well proportioned lounge, ATTRACTIVELY REFITTED DINING KITCHEN with integrated appliances, utility room, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and re-appointed classic white bathroom. Set back beyond the DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £132,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN**KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 REDUCTION****37 Sandhurst Road**

This EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW enjoys a pleasant position within this cul-de-sac upon the fringe of popular 'High Acres' with good amenities nearby, and now offers; hall, SPLENDID 18'6" x 12' LOUNGE enjoying distant views, inner hall to 'fitted' 'Grovedoor' kitchen with dining extension, TWO BEDROOMS, attractive bathroom, DOUBLE GLAZING and part gas heating. Forelawn, drive/parking, SPLENDID 38' CARPORT and wide patio and secluded twin terrace garden with afternoon sun. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £129,950**STOURBRIDGE****WITH ENSUITE****Trinity Grange, Trefoil Gardens**

Located in an enviable position, tucked at the rear of this 'Trinity Grange' development this VERY WELL PRESENTED, LUXURIOUS, TWO BEDROOM, SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT is ideal for those seeking for both modern and low maintenance living CLOSE TO TOWN FACILITIES, including GAS CENTRAL HEATED and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED layout, to briefly comprise; communal hall/foyer with stairs, apartment's own large reception hall, GENEROUS SITTING ROOM with a defined dining area, well fitted kitchen, two good double bedrooms (master with en suite) and with an attractive private garden. Communal gardens, and with allocated parking within a gated courtyard. STOURBRIDGE OFFICE 01384 395555

Price: £125,000**COSELEY****Horace Street, Hurst Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. AN EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached set in a established, convenient district with good distant views from the rear. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, extended kitchen with a fine range of units, living room, three double bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, integral garage. Block paved foregarden & low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,995**KINGSWINFORD****Open viewing Sat 23rd July 12 - 4pm****78 Lingfield Way**

A DECEPTIVE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW which is superbly located within a very popular cul-de-sac setting upon Crestwood Park, which requires updating and has much potential to enhance the VERY SPACIOUS layout which includes; reception hall, large attractive lounge with dining area, kitchen, TWO EXCELLENT BEDROOMS and bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the front lawn, LONG FRONT/SIDE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN which benefits a private aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £124,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****The Paddock**

OF INTEREST TO INVESTORS. AN ENLARGED, traditional, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached of character in favoured 'backwater'. Vendor advises the property has been significantly improved over the years, with paperwork confirming re-wiring/re-roofing/uPVC double glazing/loft insulation/replacement central heating boiler etc. but further works will be beneficial. Accommodation provides; entrance porch, reception hall, through lounge, enlarged sitting room, kitchen, separate w.c., verandah. Three bedrooms, shower room. Good sized garage, delightful gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**SEDGLEY****Townsend Avenue**

A comparatively spacious, conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential, ideally situated within reasonable walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, and all associated amenities. The well proportioned accommodation includes; entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom, Good sized garden, and off road parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950**SEDGLEY****The Vista**

A comparatively spacious, modernised/improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached within walking distance of Beacon and comprising entrance porch, reception hall, store, 17'10" through living/dining room, 14ft, breakfast kitchen, 23'6" through lobby with storage cupboards, utility room & potential cloakroom off. Three bedrooms, bathroom, block paved double driveway to front, level well fenced rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950**COSELEY****Andersleigh Drive**

An exceptionally well presented & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated (comb boiler), uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' in favoured cul de sac with panoramic distant views from the rear. The meticulously presented accommodation includes entrance hallway, elegant lounge, transverse refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of broad oak effect units, integrated appliances & double french doors out to garden. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed re-fitted bathroom with white contemporary look suite, parking to front, lengthy rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £116,950**LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE****Wood Road**

An extremely stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years to a superb specification set in popular convenient district with panoramic views. Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the accommodation comprises entrance hallway, through lounge with feature living flame 'hole-in-the-wall' fireplace (double french doors out to garden), refitted breakfast kitchen with fine range of units, woodblock work surfaces, integrated appliances (double opening doors out to garden) & an understairs store. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), reappointed shower room with white suite, good sized gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,995**COSELEY****Fullwoods End**

A conscientiously maintained, primarily uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached in well regarded/convenient neighbourhood with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Comparatively spacious accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, separate dining room, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms, bathroom. Outer lobby, store & separate toilet, secluded rear garden & potential garage space (no verified - subject to regulations). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £112,950**COSELEY****Catherine Road, Hurst Hill**

This modern style, double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, two bedroom semi detached family home has been subjected to a scheme of modernisation/improvement works by the current owner, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the accommodation briefly comprises; side entrance hall, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, transverse living room. Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite. Garage, driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,000**DUDLEY****Dibdale Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED interior semi detached of character with potential. A number of period features remain, and the accommodation includes; glazed porch, imposing reception hall, walk in store, lounge with bay, separate dining room, kitchen, outer store. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Off road parking (kerb dropped), and lengthy secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £110,000**RUSSELLS HALL****NEW PRICE****Merryfield Road**

This modern style two bedroom semi detached home offers well presented and surprisingly spacious accommodation, and is situated in a popular residential location. With uPVC double glazing and a gas central heating system, the property is seen to comprise; entrance porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, utility, two double bedrooms, bathroom, garage, block paved driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. BRIDLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £105,950**DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Elm Green, Old Park Farm estate**

A freehold, part uPVC single & part uPVC double glazed semi detached requiring some careful updating but providing tremendous POTENTIAL. Accommodation includes reception hall, store, through lounge, separate dining room (former kitchen), pantry, kitchen (former utility area), separate toilet. THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, delightful secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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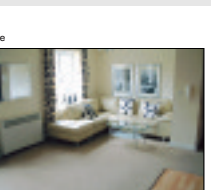
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- *Furnished to high standard
- *Fully fitted kitchen

£425 pcm



*Bathroom with bath & shower
*DG
*Communal gardens & allocated parking

£425 pcm



Willenhall
Leveson Street

- *Spacious three bed terraced house
- *Dining room with separate sitting room
- *Fitted kitchen
- *Downstairs bathroom with shower
- *GCH & DG

£425 pcm



Wall Heath
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- *Fully fitted kitchen
- *GCH. Allocated parking
- *Bathroom with bath & shower

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- *Modern two bed end town house
- *Part furnished
- *Fully fitted kitchen

£495 pcm



*Lounge with patio doors to rear garden
*Bathroom with shower

£495 pcm



Wednesbury
Hollyhead Road

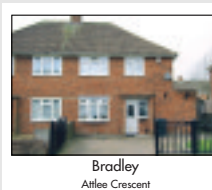
- *Beautifully presented two bed ground floor flat
- *Large lounge with Juliette balcony

£500 pcm



*Modern fully fitted kitchen
*Spacious master bedroom en-suite
*Main bathroom with shower

£500 pcm



Bradley
Antlee Crescent

- *Three bed semi detached house
- *Unfurnished
- *Fully fitted kitchen
- *with cooker
- *GCH & DG
- *Front & rear gardens. ORP.

£500 pcm



Bilston
Rose Street

- *Deceptively spacious three bedroom house
- *DG & GCH. ORP
- *Fitted kitchen with cooker, fridge & rear garden
- *Freezer
- *Bathroom with bath & shower
- *Integral garage & rear garden

£500 pcm



Bilston
St Chad's Road

- *Semi detached house in quiet cul-de-sac
- *Two bedrooms, GCH & DG
- *Lounge, Dining kitchen & downstairs WC
- *Bathroom with bath & shower
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West Bromwich
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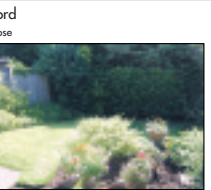
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Kingswinford
Belvedere Close

- *Spacious semi detached 2/3 bed dormer bungalow
- *Through lounge with patio doors to private rear garden
- *Fully fitted kitchen

£550 pcm



*Ground floor study/third bedroom
*Bathroom with bath & shower
*Garage and ORP

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LOWER GORNAL Fiveways Court



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£69,950

BRIERLEY HILL Bankwell Street



A well presented three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining kitchen, utility, downstairs wc and low maintenance rear garden

£79,950

DUDLEY Gads Green Crescent



A first floor two bedroom apartment with hallway, kitchen, bathroom, separate wc, secure entry system and communal gardens

£57,500

COSELEY Penwood Gardens



A two bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, kitchen, garden to the rear and parking to the rear

£104,950

DUDLEY Terry Street



An extended three bedroom semi detached house with two reception rooms, 34'4" kitchen, downstairs shower room and upstairs bathroom, gated parking to the side and large garden to the rear

£140,000

DUDLEY Jews Lane



An extended three bedroom detached house with lounge, dining room, kitchen with further open plan dining area, utility, tandem garage, large driveway and garden to the rear

£144,950

OLDBURY Vicarage Street



A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen and gardens to front and rear

£94,950

SEDGLEY Monument Lane



An extended four bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, driveway and gardens to front and rear

£114,950

DUDLEY Tansey Green Road



A two bedroom well presented semi detached house with hallway, lounge, kitchen, garden to rear and garage

£99,950

SEDGLEY Queens Road



A traditional style semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs wc, garage, two double bedrooms and a further study room currently used as a nursery, driveway and gardens to front and rear

£139,950

TIVIDALE California Road



A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining room, kitchen, garage, gardens to front and rear and driveway

£94,950

DUDLEY Attingham Drive



An impressive two bedroom ground floor apartment available on 50% shared ownership with hallway, lounge with kitchen area, two bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite and an allocated parking space.

£52,500

NETHERTON Baptist End Road



Four bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, garage, rear garden, driveway to the front and side and potential for an extension/double garage subject to planning.

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Modern spacious second floor apartment. One bedroom, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, bathroom. Near to Walsall town centre. Allocated parking. No DSS

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£450 PCM

TIPTON Bonneville Close



A modern two bedroom second floor apartment. Lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower. Allocated parking, secure entry. Available August 2011, No DSS.

£500 PCM

BILSTON Birmingham New Road



A modern two bedroom second floor apartment. Having fully fitted kitchen with integral appliances. Master bedroom with ensuite/shower. Secure parking, available July 2011. No DSS

£525 PCM

DUDLEY Pearce Close



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£525 PCM

CRADLEY HEATH Archer Gardens



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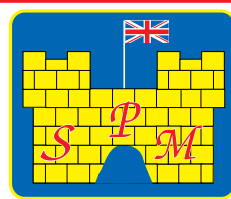
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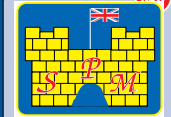
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SANDYFIELDS ROAD

A three bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises: Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining area, kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC double glazing (where stated), gas-fired central heating, garage and a rear garden.

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A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

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DUDLEY ROAD

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms, shower room, uPVC double glazing (where stated), gas-fired central heating and a beautiful rear garden.

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WOODSETTON



GRIFFITHS ROAD

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£139,950

SEDGLEY



QUEENS ROAD

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a sitting room/dining area, a dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a study, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£139,950

COSELEY



ELMDALE ROAD

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, an extended dining room/sitting room, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

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UPPER GORNAL



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£124,950

FAIRVIEW PARK



MANDERSTON CLOSE

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£124,950

WOODSETTON



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A three bedroom mid terraced home that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, spacious lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, storage area, three bedrooms, bathroom, UPVC double glazing (where stated), gas-fired central heating and a rear garden.

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Jeep rides high with a retooled urban warrior

PEOPLE who don't know much about cars often call anything that's big and looks off-roadish a "jeep", which must mightily annoy the folks at Land Rover.

For the Jeep name (with a capital "J") has reached iconic status far outside the car world, up there with Hoover, Biro, Portakabin and Thermos as a generic name for an everyday item.

So, when it comes time to change a real Jeep there must be a strong temptation to just play around the edges and keep things as close to what went before as you dare.

By Ian Donaldson

So well done Jeep for going a bit further than that with your latest launch, the new Grand Cherokee.

It might look rather a lot like the old one with a bit of added style sculpted into the sides, but a lot has been going on in places you don't often look.

Actually, there's been some important action in the places you do look as well, with a lot more legroom in the back seat, a bigger boot and a new interior that might have been designed in the USA but has a properly upmarket European feel for the first time.

That extra space comes thanks to a new and larger platform that will also appear beneath some new Mercedes 4x4s in coming months, a reminder of the unhappy years when the German car giant owned Jeep and seemed puzzled about what to do with it.

Now firmly under Fiat control, the latest UK-bound Grand Cherokees have a big diesel engine built in Italy which is more powerful yet less thirsty than the engine it replaces.

The unrealistic EuroNCAP official fuel consumption test actually reckons you could beat 34 to the gallon in everyday driving, but don't buy a Grand Cherokee on that assumption.

Still, owners trading in the old model will find the new one sips less diesel and goes better too.

Lifestyle

Even so, nobody ever bought a Grand Cherokee for its economy.

Buy one and you're buying into a lifestyle that hints at distant mountains and nights spent under canvas as you conquer the great outdoors.

Most owners, of course, will spend more time in the great indoors, telling the kids to get ready for school or looking for the shopping list before they set out in the Jeep for the supermar-

ket. Even so, you can dream.

When the youngsters are safely strapped in, or the weekly groceries piled into the shallow-ish boot (there's a full size spare wheel hiding below), you'll discover this latest Grand Cherokee makes a fine urban warrior, easily up to the potholes and speed bumps that pepper your progress.

There are two models on offer this time round, both sharing the same 177 horsepower diesel engine and automatic transmission and differing only in their fixtures and fittings.

Both look well priced at £37,796 for the Limited model and £43,995 for the posher Overland.

You won't feel short changed with the cheaper car.

Standard kit includes a versatile four-wheel drive system, big alloy wheels, dual zone automatic air conditioning, and a large touch screen to control the entertainment system (which can store more than 6,000 songs).

It also comes with parking sensors front and rear plus a rear view camera and heated seats all round.

Step up to the Overland and the big news is air suspension that lowers itself at speed (it makes the car more aerodynamic and saves a little fuel), or can be raised an extra 2.6 inches to tackle really serious off-road obstacles.

It can even be told to lower itself a bit at rest (like a camel?) to make it easier for pas-

sengers to climb aboard.

The Overland spec also includes satellite navigation, great big 20-inch alloy wheels, adaptive cruise control (which slows the car if you come up behind a dawdler), big sunroof and leather upholstery.

So you're unlikely to complain about a lack of specs; these are very well equipped cars and look seriously good value.

Road tax of £550 in the first year and £245 thereafter makes only a small dent in the value argument.

There's more good news on the move. New all-round independent suspension meant that a Limited model rode the potholes and patches of middle England's roads with a calm authority.

Even more impressively, it did so with a set of the larger wheels that come as part of a £2,000 performance pack.

Demanding

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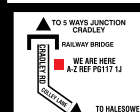
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ROAD safety charity the Institute of Advanced Motorists is offering tips from Britain's top advanced driver, Peter Rodger. This week, as we approach the season when motorcycling is at its height, he recommends how motorcyclists and drivers should share the road safely.

Car drivers

- Keep an eye out for motorcyclists. The biggest cause of accidents is failing to look properly, and this problem is exaggerated in the case of motorcycle collisions, as motorbikes are smaller, and less common than cars.
- Give them space. Don't follow too close, or drive on their nearside – they may be avoiding potholes and other surface problems which aren't such a crucial safety issue to a car driver.

- Use your mirrors so you see bikes approaching from behind. In particular check your mirrors before changing direction, especially in traffic queues.
- If a motorcyclist is trying to get past in heavy traffic, let them. Don't try and impede their progress because you are stuck.
- Give clear and early signals to allow motorcyclists and other road users time to react.
- In bad weather allow motorcyclists even more space to deal with bad surface conditions.

Motorcyclists

- Always assume that other road users may not have seen you.
- When travelling in a straight line position yourself where a car driver would be sitting. This is where other road users will be looking.

- Give drivers time to realise you are there – don't arrive so fast that you startle the driver.
 - Always leave plenty of space between yourself and other traffic.
 - Look well ahead to avoid needing to make sudden changes in direction for potholes etc.
 - Be seen. Big blocks of bright colour are better than broken up or patterned clothing, which effectively camouflages you. And always make sure you have your headlight on.
- Mr Rodger said: "Motorcyclists are at much more risk than other road users and awareness of the risks they face need to be understood, especially at junctions in towns.
- "Motorcycling is a fun and convenient way of travelling, so it is important riders appreciate how to protect themselves, and car drivers learn to take a bit more care when looking out for them," he added.

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